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When policide is the alternative

By DANIELLA ASHKENAZY

When it comes to Israel — policide is in fashion. In such an atmosphere it's almost symbolic that keffiyahs (Arab head scarves) have become chic on Fifth Avenue.

Jews have always excelled at putting their necks out for others. Some of us are busy preparing the intellectual atmosphere for our own demise. Claims that policide is a legitimate choice in international relations is no longer the sole property of Israel's adversaries, and some of the radical left. It's "in."

There are, no doubt, cases where posing such a choice to any nation — but even more so to a Jewish one — is merely naked stupidity. One cannot let Ted Koppel off the hook so easily. As one of the most popular news moderators in America, whose sole job on Nightline is to ask questions, not to give answers, Koppel did not reach the acclaim and popularity he enjoys through incompetence — be it intellectual sloth or lack of political acumen. He chooses his questions carefully. He knows which question should be addressed to whom. He was not addressing the radical left, nor the Arabs. For Ted Koppel, Israel's survival is a matter open for debate.

During Nightline on March 2, the question was raised whether Israel should close the territories to the press. The three-way discussion was held among Admiral (res.) Thomas Morer, and two leading American journalists, Tom Friedman of The New York Times and William Claybourn, formerly of the Washington Post. What should have raised eyebrows, to say the least, is not their answers.

Mr. Koppel sees nothing wrong in asking his guests how Israel will weigh the following choices:

- ✓ maintenance of freedom of the press or her existence;
- ✓ sacrificing certain aspects of her democratic principles or survival.

The choices offered are not ones of freedom of the press vs. national interests. It is not even a question of democratic principles vs. vital interests. Mr. Koppel gives us a choice between freedom of the press and extinction, between democratic principles and extermination.

This is not just a matter of gross asymmetry. It goes way beyond a total absence of proportions. No one thought such a choice outrageous. No one considered such a choice repugnant — even in retrospect.

When Tom Friedman was misquoted in Yidiot Achronot the following day as if he, personally, was in favor of closing the territories to the press, the journalist demanded a correction.

Koppel has asked not what he (Friedman, et al) thought Israel should do, but what he thought she would do with such alternatives, said the paper next day. Friedman was merely clarifying the question. The choices remained the same. The question was legitimate.

Professor Yishiyahu Lebowitz is an Israeli physicist. He is also a humanist. Teaching at the Technion, Lebowitz once commented that the reason they teach moral philosophy at Israel's polytechnic institute is to insure the following: should

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Teens of the 'new Germany' join in seder; hope for peace

By ED STATTMANN

Their fathers or grandfathers' generation included the Hitlerjugend — the militaristic Hitler youth.

But the 20 or so German youngsters who gathered with about as many American Jewish teens at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on Wednesday April 6 seemed to be a whole different species.

They sang Dayenu with Cantor Robert Zalkin instead

of Deutschland Ueber Alles. They partook of a Passover Seder and joined in dialogue with Jewish and non-Jewish American youngsters and adults in a unique event co-sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the German American Partnership Program, in cooperation with Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, the B'nai

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Hoosier couple's vacation was mission to refuseniks

By SHARON BLUMBERG

MUNSTER—The following article is a synopsis of my interview with Norman and Sylvia Lynn who describe their "emotional adventure" in the Soviet Union for 22 days in September.

"We traveled through six cities, taking us from Moscow to Irkutsk in Siberia, to Tashkent, Samarkond and

Bukhara in the Caucasus, to Tbilisi in Georgia; to Lenin-grad and then back to freedom.

There were 25 people in our tour group. Six people were Jewish. On the advice of the Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry, we did not share our intentions with any of them.

Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry provides moral, financial, and physical support to the Refuseniks in the Soviet Union. On one day-long visit to their office in Highland Park, Illinois, we were briefed on the do's and don't's of visiting Refuseniks and travel in the Soviet Union. We were given names of refuseniks in cities on our itinerary. Then we had a second session with a volunteer in Highland Park who taught us the Cyrillic alphabet, which enabled us to read street signs.

In accordance with "CASJ" we coded all names, addresses and phone numbers so that these families would not be exposed to any risk from our visit, should our notes be confiscated.

We were cautioned not to make phone calls from our hotel. We were to make calls from a public telephone. That in itself was a task, in that three out of seven pay phones did not work. As we were allowed, we took two large and heavy suitcases, and brought them back light and almost

empty. Not only did we bring gifts, medicine and items that the refuseniks could use or trade for other goods and services but we also gave away our personal clothing.

All of our contacts were special ... but we would like to share the first encounter because that will always stand out as an intense emotional experience.

After we made our telephone contact, we were invited to share Erev Rosh Hashanah in Moscow. The city is well served by their underground metro system which we used repeatedly. Our destination was the Byaly family. We exited the designated metro stop. We were then greeted by a smiling face.

This young man was "Sasha," son of Leonid and Judith Byaly. He put his arms around us, kissed us, and said "Shalom." It seemed as though we were strangers, but close friends at the same time.

Sasha, 17 years old and a student at the Moscow Institute, spoke English fluently. The Byalys had also invited four others to share this special holiday with them. Here in a strange country, a strange city, we found a oneness in the commonality of our Jewishness. Here on such a holy day we felt the emotion of our heritage, as we had never before felt. Here we were among Jews praying to be free, just as their ancestors had done 5,000 years before. After three hours it was very difficult to say goodbye. Judith had explained that she had recently formed a women's group of refuseniks that meet in her apartment twice a month. She asked us to carry a list of these names to "CASJ." To protect those on the list as well as for our own well being, should we be stopped and checked by security, we photographed all the documents. This same procedure would be followed in subsequent encounters with other refuseniks.

Limited space precludes our sharing the entire 22 days. However, on reflection we can say:

1) The refuseniks as a group see "Glasnost" as more window dressing than fact. However, their circumstances have improved considerably in the last two years. They said, had our visit occurred two years ago, we might have been harrassed or beaten by

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B'rith Youth Organization and IHC.

Marvin Hershenson, regional vice chairman of ADL said the program's purpose is to "foster mutual understanding and to dispel stereotypes and myths that these youngsters may have about each other."

"One goal of this educational program is to tell Jews and others that there is a 'new' Germany, far removed from its notorious past," he said.

Well, that's the sort of thing Hershenson, in his position, at such an event, would say.

Far more persuasive were the words and the attitudes expressed by the students themselves.

Claudia Schulze, Uwe Seitz and their classmates, high schoolers from Villingen, West Germany, and other towns in the Black Forest area near Stuttgart listened respectfully throughout the Seder and participated, often with obvious joy.

Schulze, a bright-eyed brunette of 17, even told Zalkin she had been reading about the world's religions and, although brought up in the Lutheran church, was seriously thinking about becoming a Jew. She said she will decide in about two years.

Zalkin told her in turn that, sharing the seder with her and her classmates, he could seriously contemplate visiting Germany, an idea previously abhorrent to him.

Randy Warkel of Carmel, a member of AZA and IFTY (Indianapolis Federation of Temple Youth) answered frankly when the German teens inquired about anti-Semitism. Warkel has wheat-blond hair and blue eyes, so he is one of those people often told, "but you don't look Jewish!" He said he has encountered some anti-Semitism at times when some classmate is surprised that Warkel is a Jew. He said he still is trying to fig-

ure out why a classmate cruelly told him he should have been born in Eastern Europe 50 years ago.

Seitz said he simply could not understand how the Holocaust could have happened.

He and others said that when they return to their little town they will tell of their Seder—not as a joking matter, but as a treasured and enlightening proof that "Jews are just like anybody else."

The teens traded prepared questions. The young Germans asked why the Arabs and the Israelis could not live together in peace—why the current troubles are occurring in the occupied areas?

Rabbi Bradd Boxman of IHC and others explained to them that there is no cut-and-dried easy answer to the Arab-Israeli situation, but that there is always hope for peace. Judaism and Islam are so similar in many ways, Boxman said, that, in many ways their adherents are ideal neighbor religionists. The uprising is a matter more of land and politics, he said, than religion.

"The seder is the ceremony in Judaism that demands that we ask questions," Boxman said.

Here are just a few of 14 questions the young Germans drafted before coming to the seder to ask their Jewish peers: "Do you feel something like hate when speaking to Germans?" "Are there many groups in the U.S. which are against Jews?" "What are your thoughts regarding payment of reparations?"

Ernest Heppner, an ADL official, told them of the reparations he had received. He invited them to look at the precise figures and listing of the reparations—and also explained that there was no way the German program of reparations could make up for his murdered friends and family members, lost education and other hardships and grievances.

They were told there are anti-Jewish groups—but that they amount to only a tiny fraction of the population. Some of the Jewish children listed the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party and the Skinheads. The young Germans said regretfully that Germany, too, has its Skinheads.

The young Germans got some zingers, too. What about Kurt Waldheim? Should people still be blamed for atrocious acts and omissions decades ago, even if lack of cooperation carried serious risks?

The answers were mixed. But they were thoughtful, not pat answers. Some of them also said there is much more anti-Semitism in Austria than in Germany.

Alan S. Katchen, and Michael Geller of the ADL's Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana regional office, came from Columbus, Ohio, for the event. Katchen said he felt the Seder was so successful it is almost sure to be replicated with similar events throughout the land. Indianapolis' honorary German consul, Horst Winkler, called on the young

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Germans invite rabbi who fled

MICHIGAN CITY — Rabbi Emeritus Karl Richter of Sinai Temple has been invited to visit two German cities where he saw great injustices at the brink of the Holocaust, the Rabbi said in a recent bulletin of the synagogue.

Mayor Manfred Rommel invited Richter and his wife, Ruth, to visit his native Stuttgart for two weeks this summer and a Lutheran pastor invited him to come Nov. 9 to Mannheim on the 50th anniversary of the "Kristallnacht" for memorial observances.

Richter was a rabbi in Mannheim at the time of the destruction of the syna-

gogues.

"Stuttgart was... the seat of the American consulate which, after great difficulties, issued our immigration visa to the U.S.A. in 1939, thereby saving our lives from certain extinction," Richter wrote. Stuttgart's mayor is the only son of Field Marshall Erwin Rommel.

"The majority of Germans know today that it was much better to lose the war than to win it with Hitler," Mayor Rommel has said, according to Richter.

The rabbi said his plans are uncertain.

AJC's Provizer to speak

Marlene Provizer, deputy director of national affairs for the American Jewish Committee, will speak to AJC's Indianapolis Chapter here on the Jewish political agenda in this presidential election year.

She will focus on Jewish political behavior and on what the current race for

president means to the Jewish community.

Her talk, the third in the Chapter's Flagship Luncheon Series, will be held on April 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Columbia Club, 121 Monument Circle in Indianapolis. Lunch will be served at the event for a cost of \$8.50 per person.

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Irish author-envoy feted by Hastens, Ehrlichs

By GISELA WEISZ

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FELLOW: *Zionism, Israel and the Middle East* was the title of the *Simona and Hart Hasten Visiting Fellows Program* in Jewish Studies at



Indiana University this spring.

Author, lecturer, diplomat Conor Cruise O'Brien was the visiting fellow from Dublin, Ireland.

On March 23 Simona and Hart gave a cocktail-coffee reception in their Indianapolis home for the author — whose books include *Siege, a history of Zionism*. The party was attended by 70 people from Indianapolis. During this reception O'Brien discussed the current difficulties and possibilities in Israel, taking into consideration the recent stone-throwing insurgents.

Each of his three well-attended lectures in Bloomington was preceded by a dinner reception. The president of Indiana University and his wife, Tom and Ellen Ehrlich,

honored some of the supporters of the *Jewish Studies Program* prior to the third presentation, titled *Arab-Israeli Relations Today*, on March 30.

Sharing the elegant sit-down dinner and enjoying the warm hospitality of the Ehrlichs were Alice and Leonard Berkowitz, Patricia Ek, Pat and Irving Glazer, Rikki and Leonard Goldstein, the Hastens, Bruce Jacobson, Illene and Michael B. Maurer, Janie and Michael S. Maurer, Estelle and Elliott Nelson, O'Brien, Erna and Prof. Alvin Rosenfeld, Sandy and Stanley Trockman and Gisela and Zoltan Weisz.

CONGRATULATIONS!

For the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary, April 2, Sarah and Leo Klausner traveled to Miami Beach to be with their life-long friends. There they celebrated the Passover holiday and their big anniversary amidst many loving friends.

HONOR THY...: Carol J. Blatter, M.S.W., A.C.S.W. is now affiliated with two professional networks for taking care of the elderly. Participation in *Aging Network Services of Bethesda, Md.* and *American Aging Family Services, Inc.* of New York enables Mrs. Blatter

to receive referrals from adult children throughout the country who need help for their aging parents in the central Indiana area and from adult children here, who need supportive counseling while they care for their aging parents elsewhere. Carol has many years experience in private practice as a family counselor. She may be reached at 875-0171.

MOTHER AND FATHER:

On the front page of the March 20th Sunday *Indianapolis Star Life/Style* section, a description and photographs appeared of the activities of geriatrician, Dr. Stephen Rapoport. The physician, who is specially trained in the diagnosis and care of the old, is the

son of Rose and Harold Rapoport. The *Star* article was written by Ruth Holladay.

TALENTED: The two sons of Eileen and Irwin Prince, Ben and Josh Prince, 12 and 14 years old respectively, produced, wrote, directed and performed a musical comedy, titled: *Court Is Now In Session* in the Jewish Community Center March 26 and 27. Hundreds of people attended the three performances. Everyone enjoyed the successful staging of a two-act courtroom spoof, presented entirely by children.

RAPPORT: Under the guidance of Ernest Heppner and Marvin Hershenson part of a *German-American Partnership Program* took place on

Wednesday, April 6, at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Visiting high school students from Germany were introduced to their Jewish contemporaries here in the frame of a model Seder for an enlightening fellowship experience aimed at helping to eradicate prejudice.

PEEK & NIBBLE: Don't forget! You are expected at Ayres' Glendale store on April 15, 9 a.m. sharp, to be treated to breakfast by Ayres and an Israeli fashion show that involves valuable health tips and gifts for the attendees, all to honor Israel's 40th birthday. The breakfast and fashion show are free, but reservations are necessary. Entrance from Rural Street! Please call for reservation 262-2142.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry B. Ashkenaz announce the births of twin sons Philip Brock and Mitchell Seth on Monday, March 28 at Humana Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Fireman of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Benjamin Ashkenaz and the late Benjamin Ashkenaz of Indianapolis. The infant's mother is the former Judie Fireman.

Hoffman-Greenberg to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoffman announce the engagement of their son, Danny Hoffman, Palo Alto, Calif., to Carol Greenberg, San Francisco.

Mr. Hoffman, an attorney, is president of the firm, Hoffman Legal Search.

The parents of the

bride are Clem and Joe Greenberg, Encino, Calif. The bride, also an attorney, is a member of Shartsis, Friese and Ginsburg law firm, San Francisco. The wedding will take place at the Steven S. Weiss Synagogue in Encino, Calif. on Nov. 20.

Elovitz-Offergeld troth announced

Robert Elovitz, son of Herbert and Janet Elovitz, Indianapolis, will marry Leslie Offergeld, daughter of Martin and Sandra Offergeld, on May 21 in Moline, Ill.

Miss Offergeld is a gradu-

ate of Southern Illinois Law School and is employed by Walker and Williams in Belleville, Ill.

Elovitz attends Southern Illinois Law School.

Mission to refuseniks

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2) International political pressure is their only hope for freedom.

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A baby girl, Amy Marie, was born on March 30 in Lafayette, to Andrea and Kevin Kampenga. Grandparents are Sally and Irv Sacks and great-grandmother is Freda Sacks, all from Indianapolis.

Erin Jessica Greenblatt was born on March 5. Her parents are Suzanne and Jeffrey Greenblatt of Atlanta, Ga. Grandparents are Janet and Richard Carroll of Carmel, Ind., and Rachel and Hershel Greenblatt, Atlanta. Great-grandparents are Clarabell and Ben Satinsky, Carmel.

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'D.O.A.' misses the mark

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

The percentages had to catch up with Touchstone Pictures, which was leading the pack with such previous hit movies as "Three Men and A



Baby," "Good Morning Vietnam" and "Shoot To Kill." Their new contemporary suspense thriller "D.O.A." misses the mark.

This updated version of the old black-and-white classic keeps the premise of a man trying to solve his own murder but then takes off in its own direction of confusion. The original idea of a man reporting a murder and being asked who was murdered and his gasping "I was" is unique. The victim trying to solve his own murder is a captivating plot. For the victim must discover the motive. Who would want to kill him and why?

In both versions the victim swallows some obscure poison that has no antidote. He has 24 hours approximately to solve the crime before he dies.

In this new updated film the leading character is played by Dennis Quaid, who seems quite young to portray the knowledgeable college professor he professes to be. His estranged wife is played by Jane Kaczmarek. Quaid's investigation leads him to rich Charlotte Rampling and her daughter Robin Johnson. Their chauffeur, Christopher Neame, also plays an important role.

Meg Ryan plays one of Quaid's students who helps him through his trials and

tribulations. Daniel Stern assists Quaid also, as his best friend. The cast is fine, it is the script that rambles.

Charles Edward Pogue is a screenwriter who delights in changing already established movies into something else. He wrote the screenplays for "Psycho III" and the new "The Fly." He has been quoted as saying "There's no point in trying to improve on "Casablanca" or "The Wizard of Oz." But Pogue has the chutzpah to rework the creations of other writers.

This screenplay is a mass of red herrings and oblique angles instead of twists and turns. The characters are two dimensional and very difficult to have any feelings toward. There are no good guys, someone to root for. The victim (Quaid) is not a nice fellow. He is obnoxious and nasty. He has temper tantrums like Bette Midler. At times we wish that

poison would work faster to save embarrassment.

It took two British directors to make more of a mess of this film. Rocky Morton and An-nabel Jankel had previously established themselves with their brash video hero "Max Headroom." It is only fitting that "D.O.A." is their first American feature film. For my concern I hope it is their last. Their show offy special effects and camera angles did not impress me. In fact, certain scenes almost made me sick.

Enough said. Leave well enough alone. I wish the "creators" of this new film did the same. But that is what untalented people will do. If they cannot create something new on their own, they steal someone else's creation, change it, and then brag how original their changes are. Remakes are like going to the grocery for left overs.

Consul, mayor help celebrate Israel's 40th

Consul Moshe Fox of Israel and Mayor William Hudnut will speak at the community-wide celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary 7 p.m. April 21 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir will perform, along with Cherri Jaffee, of Dance Kaleidoscope.

The Independence Day event will be part of more than a month in which celebration of Israel's 40th Anniversary will include art exhibits, lec-

tures, educational activities, displays, musical programs and, finally, the Israelfest June 5 at the Center, which will feature ethnic food, games, sports, camel rides, folk dancing and singing and family fun, capped by a world premier performance by Dance Kaleidoscope and the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.

The showcase event will be a solo concert May 16 at the Circle Theatre by violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Flash! Just for laughs! There's a new "fire and theft" insurance policy, but they only pay if burglars steal from your house while its burning! ... or ... Wife to husband: "I want to go shopping, dear. Is the weather favorable? What does the paper say?" Husband: "Rain, snow, tornado, thunder and lightning." ... or ... Sign near a dog hospital — "No Barking" ... or ... The lady asked the beauty operator, "What do you have for gray hair?" The reply was, "The greatest respect, madam!"

Flash! A funderful evening is planned for Saturday night, April 23, starting at 8 p.m. — a joint bowling party with Hadassah gals and B'nai B'rith Men's Clubbers, at 421 Bowl. It's a first. To get full particulars, call Isabel Atlas of Hadassah, 872-0399, or B'nai B'rith Scott Kanter, 251-3221. If you heard what's in store for you, you'd call and say you'll be there.

Flash! Congrats to a great guy, Todd Brian Schwartz (Sanford and Dee), who received a "blue key" at I.U. (will open many doors for opportunities!) He deserved it! Todd will graduate in May.

Flash! Corn without the butter: Did you know that Robinson Crusoe started the 40-week? He had all his work done by Friday! ... and ... He asked the nurse for a bed pan, but she wouldn't give it to him! ... Said she was the "head" nurse! ... and ... There was a special fishing tournament recently, but no prizes were given. It was done for the "halibut!" (sound fishy)

Flash! In a terrific battle for first place of the second half of the B'nai B'rith Bowling League last Sunday, the Norm Weisman's Associates team barely defeated the Mishpocha team, to win

by four-and-a-half points. A great match! The winning team lineup was Milt Goldstein, Jay Goodman, Allan Atlas, Al Wachter, Doug Seidman and Chuck Borinstein! The winner of the first half is Style Store, and the championship game will be bowled on April 10 and will let you know the winner in my next column.

Flash! Rochester, N.Y., will be bringing out the "red carpet" to welcome Erwin and Evelyn Winnink, and their handsome two sons. Erwin has accepted a position there and we bid them adieu and good luck!

Flash! Have you noticed how activities have increased in our community in the past four or five years? And also have you noticed in the newspapers and on TV the stress on humor? It's a necessary item in everyday life. I hope my column has been helpful to both of these causes!

Flash! Tee hees! "Chutzpah" (nerve or guts): when the guy takes a taxi to the bankruptcy court, then invites the cab driver in as a creditor! ... or ... Sign in a chair shop: "Headquarters for hind-quarters! ... or ... In the early days, people were flabbergasted when anybody drove 15 miles an hour — and they still are! ... or ... "I always wonder," said one girlfriend to another, "how you could write the book, 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' when you are a brunette?" Sighed the other, "That's how I know."

Flash! I hear that on April 26 the Sammies (SAM) Fraternity at I.U. will be celebrating their 82nd birthday, having started on April 26, 1906! (My thrill to this day — In 1949 I was made an "honorary pledge" by the SAM Fraternity.)

Flash! Orchids to a swell North Central student who

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Holocaust committee to honor former U.S. envoy to Austria

WEST LAFAYETTE — Former U.S. ambassador to Austria Ronald S. Lauder will speak on "Community Responsibility: Austria's Year of Reflection," at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, April 17, as part of the Yom HaShoah observance.

Lauder will speak at a gathering at the Christian Ministry Center. The weekend program also will include as speakers and panelists the Rev. James Burtchael, a noted University of Notre Dame theologian, Michael Berenbaum, a theologian from Georgetown University, and

Frank Reiss, a Holocaust survivor who is director of European affairs of the Anti-Defamation League.

A special award will be presented to Lauder by the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Committee for his having spoken up before the election of Kurt Waldheim as president of Austria in 1986. He refused to participate in Waldheim's inauguration, reflecting America's increasing concern with Waldheim's denial of any responsibility in his Nazi past for the deaths of the people who were shipped

off to concentration camps and killed.

Other sessions will be at the Hillel Foundation, where the Holocaust Remembrance Committee is based, and at University Church.

Rabbi Gedalyah Engel is coordinator of the program, titled "Denial and Community Responsibility."

Gisela Weisz to speak in Ft. Wayne

FORT WAYNE — P-O columnist Gisela Weisz will be the keynote speaker Thursday, April 14, for the Yom HaShoah observance of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation.

As a Holocaust survivor, she will share her experiences in a noon speech at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art auditorium.

Museum to show stamps, coins

"Israel: A Retrospective" is the title of a special exhibit the Jewish History Museum of Indianapolis will present in connection with the 40th anniversary of the modern State of Israel. The museum is in the south wing of the Hebrew Academy Building.

The exhibit will be open to the public April 20 to May 12, 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays.

The exhibit will trace Israel's recent history through stamps and coins on loan from private collections. Featured will be postage stamps from the British Mandate period, the earliest stamps issued by the Israeli postal authority, and silver and gold coins minted from the State's early years to the present.

Also opening April 20 will be the museum's Holocaust Gallery, featuring a Holocaust Memorial Torah Scroll, historic photographs and artifacts.

Alumni meeting

The Roines Club of Manual Training High School would like to invite all alumni of this club to its annual alumni meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1988.

For more details all alumni of the Roines are asked to write to or call Willis M. Overton III.

Jews, Germans join in Seder

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Germans to be agents for reconciliation so Jews can live in Germany and elsewhere in peace.

"It went better than I expected it to," said Judy Tilton, a youth group volunteer for IHC. "I think I kind of expected strained silence. There was some of that at the beginning, but as the Passover story was unfolding I felt there was a lessening of tension in the air. It was not the tension of prejudice — just the tension of schoolchildren who didn't know where they were."

"They definitely were good sports. ... If indeed it's the first time it's ever been pulled off, I think it went re-

ally well."

Tilton at one point found herself explaining to Schulze and the other Germans that, yes, a person not Jewish by birth could become Jewish. She had done so.

At the end, there seemed to be a pervasive feeling that the communication was just really gaining warmth and momentum — a reluctance to end it. So the participants were given an opportunity to exchange addresses. Many did so. Perhaps there were friendships sown that evening that will thrive to an extent impossible for the wartime forebears of these children to have imagined.

Norm Weisman

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has become a well-known magician. He is Joe Mishkin (Sid and Sharon) and has been doing his magic tricks for many groups and organizations in our community, receiving many plaudits from all! Joe is slated to go with a group of North Centralites to Russia during the summer vacation! I predict a great future for Joe! Best wishes, Joe, and stay as nice as you are!

Flash! The B'nai B'rith Bowling banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Broadmoor! ... Flash! Norms philosophy of the week: A good education enables a person to worry about things all over the world! (ignorance is bliss) ... Flash! The River Downs Racetrack party, sponsored by the Center, will run on Wednesday, April 27. Included is a catered lunch, transportation and reserved clubhouse box seats. Call Evelyn at the Center, 251-9468, for more info.

Flash! Happy 75th birthday to Herman Burnstein,

who celebrated at a lovely birthday party hosted by his children, Marlene, Peggy, Steven and mates, at Marlene's home, last weekend. Many relatives and friends were on hand to sing "Happy Birthday" to Herman.

Flash! Happy April birthdays to Morris Talesnick, Rose Malofsky, Morris Simon, Carolyn Schwartz, Ida Alpert — and celebrating Happy Anniversaries in April are Bernie and Mildred Perry, Zeena and Charles Bassler, Jerry and Gabby Tamler and Milt and Inda Singer! Congrats to all!

Flash! A cutie: The fellow sitting at the soda fountain at the corner drug store asked, "What flavors do you have in ice cream?" The teenage clerk behind the counter had an inflamed throat and she answered in a hoarse voice, "Vanilla, strawberry and butter pecan." The customer asked, "You have laryngitis?" The clerk whispered, "No, just vanilla, strawberry and butter pecan!"

UNVEILING MRS. ROSE GREENWALD

Sunday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m. at B'nai Torah Cemetery. Rabbi Fischweicher will officiate. Relatives & Friends are invited

UNVEILING MORRIS STEIN

There will be an unveiling in memory of Morris Stein, Sunday, April 24, 1988, at 11:00 a.m.; on the Ezras Achim Cemetery (between Bluff Road and Kelly Street. Rabbi Sam Krasner will officiate. All relatives and friends are invited.

Diana Beth Alpert to be bat mitzvah

Diana Beth Alpert will become a bat mitzvah in services Friday April 15 and Saturday April 16 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

Miss Alpert, the daughter of Barbara and Joseph Alpert, is an outstanding honor student at Park Tudor school, an AUL Junior Olympics winner, a cross country runner, a winner of the Audrey Peet Riggie Award in writing and a district solo piano winner.

Her Jewish studies have been at the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Miss Alpert is sharing her bat mitzvah with her Soviet "twin," Victoria Abuliak.

Among those attending the services will be her paternal



Diane Alpert

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alpert.

Her maternal grandparents were the late Sylvia and David Zabinsky of Trenton, N.J.

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A dream?

The unsettled situation in the territories has reached a low point. The view from outside of Israel, if not in Israel itself, is that conditions will continue to deteriorate — meaning loss of more lives, decline of the economies of both Israel and the territories, and a general worsening of the situation.

But does such need to be the case?

Palestinian rebellion could reach a plateau, and then slowly dissipate. What feeds the uprising cannot be continuously effective, while the daily needs of both the Israelis and the Palestinians will not disappear.

This kind of scenario seems wholly unrealistic, most certainly while Israel is being tried by the death of a 15-year-old hiker out on a trip with her group and with proper guard protection. A bullet from an Israeli gun killed her in the melee when stone-throwing by the Palestinians erupted in an area thought to be safe.

The end of the strife might be hastened if the Palestinians had before them a plan for some kind of self government that would enable them to determine their own future alongside of an Israel that would provide what help it possibly could. The world would join in and the Palestinians would find the tough conditions their Arab compatriots have more or less forced them to endure, alleviated.

Even now, the Palestinians must understand that the Allon Plan is theirs for the asking, once the hostilities have ceased. That plan would return to them Gaza and most of the West Bank, with certain provisions for bases for Israel's security along the west bank of the Jordan River and at other strategic locations.

The fundamental fact is that the economy of the Palestinians now is inevitably intertwined with that of Israel. Some 100,000 Palestinians work in Israel. That significant number out of a total population in the territories of one-and-one-half million cannot be ignored in any kind of evaluation.

The return of quiet to the area would not guarantee that the conflict is over. That is certainly far into the future. But restoration of civil provisions is certainly a first prerequisite.

Secretary of State George Shultz's plan may have failed because it sought to achieve too much. Comparing what happened under Sadat, difficult as was the arrangement for peace between Egypt and Israel, goes against the facts.

The hope then is for events already in place to come to the rescue, which they well could. There is such a thing, even in cases of rebellion, as reaching a point of no value for anyone.

New U.S. Arab organization

WASHINGTON — A new pro-Arab organization made the news when Root protested in front of the Israel Embassy here. The representatives of the American

Palestinian Youth Organization presented themselves from 9 to 5 o'clock before the Embassy holding a black-green-white-red Palestinian flag and an American flag.

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We had breakfast this past week with Dr. Aleck Hercbergs of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel and we will relate to you his views on the uprising in Israel for they have a certain balance that seems not to have been imparted elsewhere. He is not a Likudnik — in fact he came to Israel from South Africa while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hercbergs came to Indianapolis where their daughter and grandchildren live. We became friendly with his father and thus learned about the Jewish community of Zimbabwe. And on Aleck's annual visits to his parents we got together. You may recall a feature about his achievements in research on cancer that we reported in which he showed that less radiation was more effective in curtailing the spread of cancer than the volume that was being used universally. More about that later.

Here are Aleck's views on the uprisings. We'll give them to you in capsule form and then elaborate.

One is that the violence will subside and will be contained by the Israel forces.

Two is that Prime Minister Shamir will compromise.

Three is that the Arabs in Israel proper were being integrated into Israel, although not as quickly as they should have been.

Four is that because the economy of the Arabs in the territories is based on Israel, therefore the violence will subside.

Five is that the Allon plan or some variation of it will finally be the way in which some form of Palestinian self-government will be established in the territories. The Allon Plan would provide for Israel to retain a strip alongside the West Bank of the Jordan River and other strategic outposts for defense purposes and the thickly populated areas of the West Bank would form the demilitarized Arab state.

So you see that Aleck is optimistic. The means required to quell the uprising, or rather the resulting casualties he, of course, felt deeply about.

His analysis was the first one we've encountered which could be described as optimistic. We haven't read anywhere views that could see an end to the violence in the relatively near future.

Aleck is on a sabbatical at Providence, R.I., continuing his research. The story of his chance finding that should revolutionize the radiation treatment of cancer cases

is as follows. He noticed a difference in the spread of cancer when the radiation was less at one clinic in Israel as against the accepted dosage cancer patients received. He began research to determine if actually there was this difference and why. He delivered the first paper on his research at the Breast Cancer Symposium in San Antonio in November 1983. His paper was published the next year in the April 1985 Volume II, Number 4 of *Radiation Oncology*. Now the good news is that research by two other cancer specialists has confirmed his findings.

Aleck and his wife and two small children have another half year in Providence before returning to Israel.

Since any cancer specialists who are reading this chair will find our report of Aleck's research less than precise, we are reprinting here the third from the last paragraph of his San Antonio paper as follows:

"The results of this study indicate that low dose radiation can be effective in preventing or delaying metastatic disease in bone. The logical extension of this observation is that low dose radiation can be applied as a prophylactic measure to skeletal zones of his risk, e.g. the lumbar vertebrae (incidence 52 and 65% in this study) or sacroiliacs and pelvis (53 and 77%). The effective dose range determined in this study (1000-1500 rad in three weeks) is low, non-toxic and the impact on bone marrow should be minimal" and so on.

The fact that his findings have now been confirmed by two independent researchers is the big development, and of course we are happy for Aleck as for all those suffering from cancer who will be aided by his sharp detection of the value of less radiation in their treatment.

The new president of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which supervises the migration of Jews from one country to another, is Ben-Zion Leuchter. We wrote here about the breakfast we had with him in Miami several months ago, and he did not allude to us this elevation to one of the top posts in the American Jewish community. We have a sneaking suspicion that he aims to become King of the Jews (those

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Deportations begin

Division in diaspora unabated

In the wake of the accepted failure of Secretary of State George Shultz's latest shuttle to the Middle East, the ball was back in Israel's court as she initiated another action that brought additional criticism.

Deportation orders were issued against 12 Arabs and eight suspected of being involved in violence were expelled.

The death of 15-year-old Tirza Porat, evidently from a bullet fired by a guard accompanying a group of Israeli youngsters out on a hike was another black mark on Israel's handling of the uprising since originally the charge was that she had died as the result of a rock thrown at the Israeli youngsters.

A number of houses of Arabs suspected of being involved in the attack on the Jewish kids were demolished, leading to a decision of the Supreme Court that 48 hours notice be given before more homes in Beit, the village where the attack occurred, be destroyed.

What is meant by a "day of firebombing" wasn't clear, but that was scheduled by the Palestinians for later this month.

Meanwhile the contention between those who feel Israel should yield and enter into negotiations under a big power umbrella and those who believe that would spell the doom of the Jewish State continued unabated.

Eleven ex-Israel Defense Forces generals and senior officers, led by the former chief of military intelligence, Aharon Yariv, pressed the government to accept the principle of exchanging territories for peace. Also Simone Veil, president of the European Parliament, the most prominent Jewish political figure in France, said in Israel that Jews of the diaspora should speak out on Israel's problems. In remarks at the Israel-Diaspora Institute of Tel Aviv University, she said "Jews abroad are often being called upon to support Israel. What credibility would we have if it were known that our position is always to give Israel unconditional support? We wouldn't be heard. There be no credence to our arguments."

An argument for Israel to adopt tougher measures against the rioters came from Rabbi Richard M. Yellin, who was quoted in USA Today as stating that the press should have been barred on Dec. 6 when the disturbances began. Occasionally, he said,

Kissinger: peace only if Israel yields land

By JEAN HERSCHART

NEW YORK — "Israel will have to give up Gaza and part of the West Bank to achieve peace in the occupied territories," Dr. Henry Kissinger told a national TV audience on ABC's David Brinkley New Forum on April 10. The former Secretary of State emphasized though "that Israel cannot go back to her pre-1967 borders completely as that move would jeopardize her security."

Former U.N. Ambassador, Benjamin Netanyahu, another guest on the same program, insisted that "Israel could not give up the West Bank completely as it is so positioned to make Israeli cities an easy target for attack."

Meanwhile on another telecast days earlier, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg and Morris Abram confronted each other with Phil Donahue as moderator over WNBC.

On the question "Should American Jews publicly be critical of Israel?" there was a sharp exchange between the Dartmouth University professor and the chairman

free peoples must use the same methods as their antagonists in order to preserve the freedoms they fear to lose.



Henry Kissinger

of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. While Hertzberg was unqualifiably for such criticism, Abram was just as resolutely against it. He stated, "We don't live there. Our sons don't fight their wars there. They don't die there. We don't have the right to publicly criticize her policies." He qualified this comment by accepting diaspora views on "communal" issues such as the "Who Is A Jew" issue.

Asked by Donahue if Woody Allen, as an American Jew, had a right to be critical of Israel, (a fact denounced by a young male guest who spoke from the audience), Abram quickly retorted, "Allen had a right, but he was dead wrong", to the heavy applause from the audience.

Issue of Israel splits Democratic aspirants

WASHINGTON — Although the Democratic search for a candidate for the Presidency has been months in the field, it is only now that Israel as an issue has finally surfaced. It has taken the approach of the primary in New York, where the Jewish vote is most influential for Albert Gore, Jr. to assail Jesse Jackson for his views on Israel and Mayor Koch to say that Jews would be crazy to vote for Jackson. Dukakis got into the picture sideways by declaring his support for Israel.

Gore expressed his views in a speech to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "I categorically reject his (Jackson's) notion that there's

a moral equivalence between Israel and the PLO." He added that he was dismayed by Jackson's embrace of Arafat and Castro.

Jackson who has already stated that he is opposed to the size of the aid to Israel, said in answer to Gore that "The issue is not whether the Israelis and Palestinians are moral equivalents. Both of them are human beings and both are trapped in a cycle of death and pain. I want to offer leadership that will move from mutual annihilation to coexistence to break the cycle of death."

Dukakis expressed strong support for Israel and criticism of Arab leaders.

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Educating Jewish youth on AIDS

By B'NAI B'RITH

"If I had AIDS, would you visit me?"
"I'd never visit an AIDS patient. Some people get it accidentally, but most of them deserved what they get."

"You can't really mean that."
"You better believe I do!"

As today's Jewish youth formulate a generation's response to AIDS, conversations like the above have become common for them. The discussions have in fact become standard among members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO).

For the past year, the agency's 35,000 members have, through a series of creative programming, been confronting the issues raised by the AIDS crisis.

The conversation above took place in Baltimore as more than 200 Jewish teenagers watched a movie on AIDS education, listened to an AIDS speaker from Planned Parenthood and then went into discussion groups on what they would do if someone they knew had AIDS.

In those groups, the youth, delegates to the BBYO Philadelphia region winter convention, spoke frankly and openly about their prejudices and feelings about AIDS and its victims.

Then, as they have been taught in BBYO programs, they analyzed their fears, discussing the rationality and irrationality of those feelings.

The activity was a result of the youths' decision last August to adopt "AIDS: We C.A.R.E." (Campaign for AIDS Recognition and Education) as their international thrust for the 1987-88 programming year.

Each year, BBYO's youth leaders vote on the coming year's program thrust, an issue they feel Jewish youth should address. Past program thrusts have included teen response and education on suicide, Alzheimer's disease, and drunken driving (BBAD — B'nai B'rith Against Drunken Driving). The 1988-89 program thrust, which begins this August, is Helping the Homeless.

Since the AIDS program thrust began, countless BBYO chapters, councils, regions and districts have participated. They have organized community forums for hundreds of people, raised thousands of dollars for AIDS research and participated in supervised discussions with AIDS patients.

The enthusiastic response of BBYO members to the AIDS program, points to a strong desire to go beyond the "these are the facts" activities that many receive through media, schools and elsewhere.

"Our youth are telling us that they are ready to deal head-on with the AIDS crisis," said Ed Yalowitz, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission. "That, in turn, has challenged us, the Jewish community, to bring AIDS issues to them on a Jewish level."

A booklet on AIDS produced in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Services Commission, contains a wide range of program ideas, a list of international AIDS educational resources and details on how to involve the outside community in the programs.

The activities detailed included staffing AIDS hotlines, lobbying politicians to provide funds for AIDS education and emotional role-playing scenarios.

The community-at-large has taken note of the BBYO AIDS education programs. The Texas-based Meadows Foundation recently provided a grant of \$50,000 to BBYO to increase the programming in Texas. The money

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was put to use immediately by hiring AIDS education workers and purchasing additional program materials. In addition, BBYO has been invited to perform education workshops in several Texas public schools.

Every BBYO region and district, since the summer international convention, has featured an AIDS education program at its winter and spring convention. That in turn has encouraged the youth to develop similar programs on the chapter level. What follows is a small portion of those activities.

✓ In Memphis, BBYOers put their shoes — and their money — where their mouth is. More than 100 members turned out for a Memphis Walk for AIDS. Nearly \$1,000 was earned from that event. The funds were turned over to a local AIDS education foundation.

✓ In Washington, D.C., three BBYO members created an AIDS education game called "Morals." Patterned after "Scrupes" and "The Game of Life," it takes participants through various scenarios where they must choose how they would handle a dangerous situation. They then, through a "pick" card, suffer the consequences of that choice.

✓ In Atlanta, BBYO members sponsored a city-wide forum with B'nai B'rith Women. It featured five guest speakers, including a community rabbi, the chief psychologist at the Georgia Mental Health Institute and the mother of a Jewish AIDS patient.

✓ In Connecticut, BBYO members had a small dose of how confronting AIDS feels. In the middle of a chapter meeting, someone said that someone else in the room had confessed to having contracted AIDS. How would the chapter's members deal with this? No one else, including the advisor, knew that this was a planned activity.

✓ In Houston, BBYO members are being asked to write essays on community education, safe sex, and prejudice/discrimination against AIDS patients. The AIDS Foundation of Houston will publish the winning AZA and BBG essay in its newsletter.

In addition, under the guidance of the area's BBYO AIDS education coordinator, Carol Fox, members are producing an AIDS musical. That program, patterned after the popular play "Grease," will be performed at the local Jewish Community Center and/or the Young Women's Christian Association.

✓ The fate of a person with AIDS was put on trial in Winnipeg. The Canadian BBYO members were loaned a community courtroom to perform a mock trial of a teacher diagnosed with AIDS. According to the scenario, the teacher, healthy and with no visible symptoms of the virus, had been asked to resign. He was suing to get his job back. The verdict: the teacher should be rehired immediately.

Educating youth has not been the only focus of the BBYO international programming thrust. Staff and lay leaders have been targeted as well in the ambitious attempt to educate Jewish youth, professionals and the community at large.

One of the most inspiring and successful programs on the adult level was presented by Rabbi Daniel H. Freeland at the BBYO International Staff Conference in November and at the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission meeting in December.

"My brother contracted AIDS somewhere in 1979-1980," he told the youth commissioners. "His death had a devastating effect on

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OBITUARIES

Abraham Goodman dies; was noted Zionist leader

Abraham Goodman, a philanthropist and a national Zionist leader, died at his home in Fort Lee, N.J. He was 98 years old.

Mr. Goodman was the founder of a number of Jewish-sponsored institutions, including the Tarbut Foundation, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, Herzliah Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York and Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach. He was the treasurer of the Jewish Agency and of the Zionist Organization of America.

His first wife, the former Mollie Frishberg, died in 1964. In 1966 he married Anne Frishberg, Mollie's sister. She died in 1980. Shortly afterward, he married Ruth



Abraham Goodman

Fox, who survives, along with three sons by his first wife: Leonard, of Manhattan; Philip, of Great Neck Estates, L.I. and Morris of Evanston, Ill.; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Death Notices

JOAN HARRIS BLUM

The Board and staff of Conservation of Human Resources mourns the loss of our founder, executive director, president and beloved friend, Joan H. Blum. She will always be remembered for her loyalty to her friends, her deep caring for people in need and her commitment and wise counsel to those at CHR. Her unselfish nature and caring spirit served as an example. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her husband, Richard, her children, and the entire Blum family. Conservation of Human Resources Millbrook, N.Y.

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Distinguished member and former president of Congregation Ahavath Achim for more than four decades. He served our congregation unselfishly with distinction and honor. Our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Sylvia, and his children, Martin, Jack, Paula, and their families.

Israel Poloyeff, Rabbi
Jack Silvera, President

ABRAHAM GOODMAN

The Zionist Organization of America mourns the passing of one of its outstanding veteran leaders who, together with the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, initiated the campaign in the American Zionist movement which mobilized the overwhelming support of the political acceptance and creation of the Jewish State. A man of diversified interests and great intellect, he was deeply committed to furthering the Hebrew language and Jewish culture. He and his late brother, Jacob Goodman, worked together to promote Zionist ideals in the United States and Israel. He will always be remembered for his selfless devotion to the Jewish people and to the Zionist movement.

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The Tarbut Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture mourns the passing of its Founder and benefactor, Dr. Abraham Goodman. His vision and dedication for enlightenment served Jewish communities throughout the United States and Israel. His leadership and guidance will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt sympathies to the entire Goodman family.

Tova Ronni, Director
Tarbut Foundation

LENORE MEYERHOFF

The American Friends of the Hebrew University mourn with deepest sorrow the passing of Lyn Meyerhoff, beloved wife of Harvey M. Meyerhoff and sister-in-law of Herbert D. Katz, President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Her life was one of selfless devotion to her community, her people and to the betterment of all mankind. She will be greatly missed. We extend our profound condolences to Mr. Meyerhoff and to the entire family.

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Mixup voids the marriage

MIAMI — The rabbi married them properly, but there was no marriage licence because the groom, Isaac Woginiak, of Caracas, Venezuela did not have a certificate of divorce from his first wife. Then a Circuit Court Judge ordered his clerk to sign for the marriage licence even though the groom, who was 68, had died two weeks previously.

When the appeal court ruled that the license was illegal, that may have left the bride, Cecilia Kleiman, 37, high and dry.

Woginiak's three sons, who had hoped to inherit their father's estate, had appealed the lower court's ruling.

Nursery class teacher fired

ALBANY, N.Y. — Lucia Finkell, who has been teaching for 14 years, at Temple Israel here in the nursery class of three-year olds, has been dismissed because she is a messianic Jew. Rabbi Paul Siltan insisted that Mrs. Finkell has not engaged in any missionary activity with the pupils.

A group of pickets activated by Chaim Feinberg, according to the Jewish World here, brought the media into the picture, leading to the decision not to renew the contract of Mrs. Finkell, who is not Jewish.

Beware of that horseradish

LOS ANGELES — A letter published in the Journal of the American Medical Association states that horseradish consumed usually at seders although on many other occasions can be dangerous. The letter recited the experience of Dr. Hays Rubin whose father suffered a small seizure at a seder several years ago after consuming the maror. She said that people prone to high blood pressure, heart or artery disease or strokes might be better off if they let horseradish fumes evaporate by keeping it uncovered for a half hour before the seder.

OBITUARIES

Lenore Meyerhoff, 60, is victim of cancer

BALTIMORE — Lenore (Lynn) Meyerhoff, wife of Harvey Meyerhoff, died of cancer at the age of 60. She was active with National Hadassah and the American Friends of Tel Aviv University and was a factor in her husband becoming the chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

She was active in Republican politics and served

with U.N. Ambassador, Jean Kirkpatrick as a delegate to the U.S. Mission of the 38th Assembly of the U.S. She is the sister-in-law of Herbert D. Katz, president of the American Friends of Hebrew University.

She leaves four children: Terry M. Rubenstein; Lee M. Hendler; Gill M. Hieronimus; and Joseph Meyerhoff, II.

Richard Goldsmith, UJA official

NEW YORK — Richard Goldsmith, who served as treasurer of the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philan-

thropies, died at the age of 94. He was a former vice president of the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Martin Citrin, CJF resident

DETROIT — Martin E. Citrin, who served as president of the Council of Jewish Federations from 1982 to 1983, died here at the age of 69.

He was a past president of the National Oil Jobbers Council.

Marton Pepper of Blind Guild

NEW YORK — Marton Pepper, a past president of the Jewish Guild for the Blind, died here at the age of 81. An attorney, he was chairman of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development of the City Bar Association. He was a founding member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Donahue contrasted with Our House

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

The episode of *Our House* that we examined last week was a model of dramatic treatment of the pathos of Jewish-Gentile relationships on the



personal level. A recent episode of *Donahue*, however, while a "real-life" interview, stirred up very bad feelings about the Jewish attitude toward mixed marriage. It featured a Jewish woman whose parents disowned her after she intermarried, even though the parents were never particularly observant.

The parents actually published her obituary in a newspaper on the day of her wedding! There were all kinds of misinformation given on the show: that if you marry out of the faith you are no longer regarded as a Jew (not true, unless there is conversion to another faith by the Jewish partner); that it is mandated by Orthodox Jewish law that parents sit shiva for one who has intermarried (not true, unless the Jewish individual has renounced Judaism and committed open apostasy, and even then there is disagreement among eminent rabbinic authorities as to whether shiva rites should be invoked).

Furthermore, the Jewish woman whose parents had disowned her shared the program with a transsexual who had been rejected by parents after being surgically changed from a man to a woman. The implication of the program was that religious conflicts were on a par with sexual and psychological issues not necessarily related to religion.

Three things happened on this particular program that deserve special note. First, the audience turned on a Jewish father who said that he would disown his daughter if she intermarried. He immediately became the villain of the hour and a symbol of bigotry and intolerance. Even Donahue, who tried to get the people to

understand the Jewish man's position (which is not the "Jewish" position) was unable to keep most of the subsequent dialogue from reviling this Jewish father. Secondly, the program became a forum for making contrasts, in good Medieval stereotype, between Christian "love" versus Jewish "laws," and in good Eighteenth Century rhetoric, between humanistic "tolerance" and religious "dogmas." And lastly, a so-called "Jewish Christian" got up and tried to spread his gospel that the "Jewish" problem need not exist if all Jews become Christians.

tians, still have chauvinistic ties to Jewish ethnicity, though authentic Judaism teaches that our allegiance as Jews should not be to Jewish ethnicity as such, but to the Jewish Covenant to bear witness to the One God and the centrality of God's Torah — a Covenant given at Sinai and never to be revoked for at least "a thousand generations." While we have always recognized the Covenant of all human beings with God, Evangelical Christians, and the "Jews for Jesus" among them would deny the salvation in our Covenant.

Contrast the way a "talk

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That modern "Jews for Jesus," like Paul of Tarsus of old, suggest that Jews would make better Christians than Gentile Christians (Paul said that God turned to the Gentiles to make the Jews "jealous") was fortunately not raised on this program, as it is raised in the literature and TV programs of "Messianic Jews," who are hard put to explain why they persist in preserving a "Jewish" Christianity at all.

It is all too clear that so-called "Jews for Jesus," who are truly Evangelical Chris-

show" deals with opposition to intermarriage and the way a good drama, like *Our House*, deals with it. If Donahue wanted to get beyond the sensationalism and emotionalism in exploring the issues of mixed marriage and of Jewish distinctiveness, he should have dedicated a program to just this topic, represented less extreme viewpoints also, and invited a rabbi, or even the writer of the *Our House* episode, to represent mainstream Judaism.

Issue of Israel splits Democratic aspirants

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News, Jackson backtracked on Arafat, stating that if he was elected he would not meet with the PLO leader. He however defended his 1979 meeting with Arafat when they embraced.

He said the U.S. should challenge the PLO to repudiate its goal of annihilating Israel. "If we cannot talk with Israel's enemy, we cannot neutralize Israel's enemy and thereby increase Israel's security."

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When the retired Reform rabbis met in Florida

By AGNES G. HERMAN

In early January, I boarded a Delta Airlines jet and headed for Fort Lauderdale, Fla. My husband, Rabbi Erv Herman, and I were going to the fifth annual meeting of the latest link in the chain of agencies of the Reform movement: the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis ("NAORRR"). I knew it would be fun to touch base with "old" friends; more than 120 rabbis, spouses and widows, retired or planning retirement, gathered to share experiences and memories. What I forget each year is that, among these "mature" rabbis, together with their reminiscing, they continue to have never-ending needs for mental stimulation and challenge, as well as comradeship!

The format of this conference looked like any other: religious services, lectures, meals, discussions, entertainment and a long bus ride to the nearest synagogue. The atmosphere however, was more engaging. Pressures of the "job", concerns for professional advancement, headaches that are children-created, competition, are all part of the past! Instead, there are real needs for fellowship, a satisfying sharing with spouse (at long last), a thorough acceptance that the children are, indeed, "on their own," and an eagerness to continue learning.

All in all, a very enjoyable context.

Rabbi Jerome Malino, Rabbi Emeritus of the United Jewish Center in Danbury, Ct. and former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, spoke eloquently of his belief in God and his questions, too; of affirmation through repetitive prayer; of his constant search for the spiritual. His stirring message succinctly and inspiringly underscored the need to join reason and heart to find meaning in Judaism. Colleagues, ranging in age from 60 to almost 90, sat in rapt attention, eager to learn and eager to challenge.

Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Am in Miami, spoke of his synagogue's flourishing Day School: an integration of tradition and modernity that gives meaning and authenticity to living Jewishly.

Two women responded to

Rabbi Baumgard. Dr. Barbara Schachtel and Agnes Herman are not rabbis, but this young organization of oldsters gives spouses equality, at long last; women fully participate in the program, the voting, the board, the decision-making process. Barbara is an epidemiologist in Houston, Texas and Agnes, a social worker, is a free lance writer in North San Diego County, Ca. They discussed the pros and cons of Day Schools as thinking, concerned members of Jewish communities.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, delivered the message during the Erev Shabbat Service at Temple Emanu-El, Fort Lauderdale. On Shabbat morning, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Rabbi Emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, provided the Torah lesson with a stimulating discussion of the Book of Job.

Others from around the country who participated in the three-day conference included representatives of the Central Conference of American Rabbis: Rabbi Malcolm Stern, retired Director of Placement, Joseph Glaser, Executive Vice-President and Eugene Lipman, President.

NAORRR elects its officers each year. Rabbi Harold Saperstein, Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook, N.Y. turned the presidency over to Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, Emeritus of Har Sinai Congregation of Baltimore. Rabbi Richard C. Hertz, Emeritus of Temple Beth El of Birmingham, Mich., rose from Second to First Vice President. Rabbi Hertz was in charge of this year's excellent program in Fort Lauderdale. Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., Emeritus of B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, La., was elected Second Vice President. Rabbi Erwin L. Herman, retired Director of the Pacific Southwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was elevated to Administrative Secretary-Treasurer and Hilda Lichtenberg-Weltman of Cincinnati was elected Recording Secretary, replacing Helen Jacobson of San Antonio.

It was a great conference. There were no world shaking

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Of justice and mercy

By RABBI JAMES PONET

Every functional legal system, like every successful judge, commingles unrelenting passion for justice with a gentle sense of compassion for



the guilty offender. While justice calls for an absolute reckoning, a *lex talionis*, mercy calls attention to attenuating circumstances, critical exculpating distinctions.

The Midrash observes that God initially tried to create the world exclusively according to the principle of strict justice — *din*. But God discovered that the world "would not stand" unless *din* was balanced with the principle of embracing love — *hesed*. Against God's will, as it were justice had to be tempered with mercy. That is, God had to understand that human reality simply could not exist in a universe where every wrong was directly requited.

God had to balance His thirst for absolute justice with His love for humanity. Keeping these two "passions" in balance leaves God in permanent agony. And indeed the Talmudic rabbis imagined that God's eternal prayer was, "May My compassion overcome My anger and may I go beyond the letter of the Law in dealing

with My children" (Berakhot 7A).

According to the Exodus narrative, God initially tired to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt under the lone leadership of Moses, the visionary man of justice. But Moses negotiated adamantly at the Burning Bush, and refused to accept his commission unless he could be joined by his articulate, diplomatic brother, Aaron. And God relented (Exodus 3:1-17).

The Jewish people were created, that is to say distinguished as "a people from the midst of a people," through the complex interaction of two brothers. Moses, the mountain-bound, distant decisor who would declare "Let justice pierce the mountain!" (Sanhedrin 6B), needed the man of compromise, the one who loved and pursued peace, Aaron, in order to liberate the slaves.

It is clear that *din* and *hesed*, Moses and Aaron, need to work together in a profound diadic harmony — much as the kabbalists have taught. And further it is clear that when this diad is severed the human results are destructive. Unrelieved harsh judgment can break the human personality leading to paralysis, despair, suicide. And unmitigated love can lead to indulgence, self-de-

ceit, disorientation.

Consider the critical Biblical moment when *din* and *hesed* become, for 40 long days, utterly disconnected: Moses, alone top the mountain, neither drinking nor eating, only learning Torah in the presence of the Teacher of teachers. Aaron, at the base of the mountain, surrounded by a horde of lawless freed slaves, who are terrified that the silent, distant visionary who wields the staff has abandoned them.

What does Aaron do when, unallied with Mosaic truth and justice, and facing a possible insurrection, he is determined to maintain domestic tranquility? He weaves a myth, builds the Golden Calf.

And what does the aroused exemplar of justice do when, descending the mountain with the Tables of the Law in his hand, he catches sight of his people dancing cultically around the Golden Calf? He casts the Tablets of the Law to the ground, shattering them.

Love, unmediated by justice, leads to idolatrous infidelity, while justice, unmoderated by love, leads to destructive rage. A living legal system needs its Aaron, needs its Moses, working synchronously.

Reward upped in desecration

EASTON, PA. — An reward of \$10,000 has been added to the \$2,500 reward of Temple Covenant of Peace here for information on the vandalism and two arsons at ad-

the synagogue. The Security Team of Astrogard, which installed the fire alarm system of the temple, offered the reward in a newspaper

Educating Jewish youth on AIDS

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my family," he explained, describing his personal connection to AIDS education.

Freelander, the New Jersey-New York area regional director for the Union of America Hebrew Congregations, spoke to the staff and lay leaders about how "Jewish values instruct our response as a community to the AIDS crisis."

He cited four values that compel the Jewish community's involvement with AIDS: *bikur cholim* — visiting the sick; *ma'asei tzedek* — acting justly; *pekuach nefesh* — saving human lives; and *tikun olam* — making the world a better place.

"Our job as adults who care and love young people is to give them the education and

counseling necessary so that when they make their own sexual decisions, they don't put themselves in a position where they kill themselves," Rabbi Freelander said.

"It is clear to me that until we start talking about (AIDS), no one is going to know what to do," he said. "We have to overcome this conspiracy of silence."

"At the heart of the BBYO program, no matter what the issue, is getting kids to talk candidly about what is happening in our society and then getting them to act on those concerns," said Yalowitz. "Giving the facts is not enough. We need our kids to not only be educated about AIDS, but to get them personally involved in combatting this virus."

Is Judaic studies an academic field?

By JACOB NEUSNER

At stake in the case I shall describe is whether or not Judaic Studies in universities is an academic field, in which all persons,



without regard to religion, are welcome to participate, or whether one has to be a Jew to get a professorship in Judaic Studies.

The case is simple. It involves discriminatory actions against a gentile candidate for Judaic Studies positions at a leading southern private university and a second-rank midwestern state university.

The complainant is a gentile who pursued a BA, an MA, and a Ph.D. in Judaic Studies, including study abroad and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; reads and speaks Hebrew; knows the texts on which he works in a sound way; and is fully qualified to teach the history of Judaism in an academic setting. He was taught by both gentiles and Jews and did first-class work. He has already published articles, in a variety of areas, of the history of Judaism.

In his placement dossier, reference is not made to his religious origins or background and convictions, just as no reference is ever made to those matters in placement dossiers of students of Jewish origin. His teachers accepted him without discrimination and of course regarded that consideration as null. Further comments on personality, character and conscience seemed to us appropriate; the identification of his race and religion did not.

The specific actions are two. First, when this non-Jewish specialist in the study of the history of Judaism was a candidate in 1986 for an announced position at a midwestern state university, I was told by the chairman, and he was told separately

by the same chairman, that while he was the best qualified candidate for the position, and the only qualified candidate, he would not be considered because he was a gentile. Since, the chairman said, the local Jewish Federation was paying part of the salary and was planning to have the holder of the position teach courses under its auspices within the Jewish community, the successful candidate would have to be a Jew.

It seems to me that that statement calls into question the academic integrity of the position; I do not think a

tions was aimed at finding out whether or not the student was Jewish and did elicit the fact that he is not. The professor then made some comments about honesty and forthrightness. The fact that the student is not Jewish, from all counts, played a very significant role in the assessment of his candidacy. Whether or not the southern university makes an offer to him is moot, since he has accepted a position elsewhere.

I believe the conversation with the Judaic studies' professor's wife was inappropriate and that inquiries into the religious origins and up-

Once Judaic studies are the preserve of only Jews, moreover, we shall find universities making decisions as to what type of Jews, e.g., only Orthodox Jews can get jobs at Harvard in Judaic Studies (as is now supposed by many to be the case), and so on. I do not think that it is in the public interest for universities to enter into such sectarian matters, which are not relevant to the academic enterprise and which can destroy the possibility of learning as we know it.

I have a strong and long-standing commitment, as do all my colleagues, in favor of Judaic, Afro-American and African, and Women's Studies, which I believe to be important and critical components of academic learning today. For the academic integrity of those and similar fields, which focus upon the human experience and record of particular groups, we have to preserve the principle that at stake is learning, and that all qualified persons are welcome to participate.

At stake is an important principle about the character of Judaic studies under university auspices and for academic purposes. If we do not register that this field is not an ethnic celebration but an academic enterprise like any other, then I think Judaic studies in universities will disappear. So, too, any other field that defines itself as an

exercise in particular representation and private or parochial discourse among "insiders" bearing qualifications that, by definition, "outsiders" cannot attain will soon disappear. And this loss is to the enormous detriment of both universities and Judaic studies.

So we have now to decide whether or not Judaic studies is an academic field at all. We cannot have it all ways: taking our place in universities, but not really taking our place as part of the academy. We cannot have yeshivas as small ghettos in universities, any more than we can ask yeshivas to make a place within their world for little academies. They are different kinds of centers of learning, each with its own purpose and tasks. Each kind of institution of study knows who must teach what to whom and why. Confusing the one with the other is unfair to both — and, anyhow, universities over the long run will not tolerate this abuse, even though, right now they're glad to let the Jews buy themselves professorships to do their strange little ethnic dances.

So we have to decide whether, after all, Judaic Studies is an academic field, and whether, after all, we Jews want it to be (among the other things it is and should be) also an academic field.

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state university should so define a position as to exclude otherwise-qualified persons by reasons of religion. I discussed the matter with the Council of Jewish Federations, which considered it a very serious issue indeed.

When the same student (who has since gotten an appointment at a first-class research university) was a candidate in 1987-8 at a private Southern university he was intensively interviewed by the wife of the Judaic studies professor, at a breakfast at her home, in the presence of the professor. Her questions were about as to his personal origins and upbringing. The thrust of these ques-

bringing of candidates for positions in academic study of Judaism are contrary to the law. I also take the view that public policy is not well served when any academic field is limited to a particular class of persons, e.g., Jews for Judaic studies, blacks for Afro-American studies, women for Women's studies, Italo-Americans for Italian, Hispanic-Americans for Spanish, Roman Catholics for Roman Catholic or medieval studies, Protestants for the study of the Reformation (or Roman Catholics for the study of the Catholic Reformation), Muslims for Islam, Buddhists for Buddhism, and the like.

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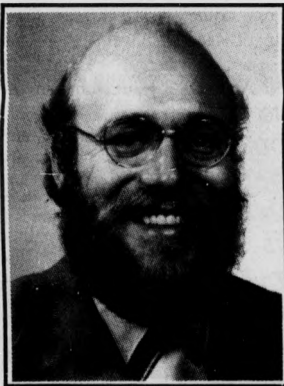
Averting the self-fulfilled prophecy of doom

By **RABBI BRUCE M. COHEN**
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Like Cassandra, the Greek prophetess of doom and destruction, the vast majority of Israeli Jewish citizens, government leaders, and even Diaspora Jews, have already said Kaddish, (the Prayer for the Dead), over Jewish-Arab relations.

The uprising on the West Bank and Gaza convincingly confirms for this chorus of Cassandras an "I told you so" justification that harmonious Jewish-Arab relations was an illusory and unattainable dream in our lifetime. In unison, they declare that Israeli Arabs have failed the 'litmus test' of loyalty to the State of Israel by demonstrating their solidarity with their Palestinian relatives.

A collective guilt and condemnation is applied to the entire community of 700,000 Israeli Arabs when a handful of social misfits commit violent acts threatening the public safety of all citizens — Jews and Arabs alike. The ubiquitous national and



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international press magnify these isolated incidents of anti-social behavior, thereby distorting reality.

A snowball effect is now in motion. It is time to confront Cassandra's Cry before it is too late and Israeli society, indeed, witnesses a self-fulfilled prophecy of doom.

It is neither a new phenomenon or radical turning point when Israeli Arabs non-violently strike to identify with their Palestinian brethren. Over the

past 20 years of the occupation, Israeli Arabs have consistently responded, in numerous surveys and to anyone who asked them, Yes to a Palestinian State and No to making "aliyah," immigrating, to this new state. Peace Day — December 21 — Land Day — March 30 — and future strike days will continue to be declared by Israel's Arab citizens just as American Jews mobilize for Soviet Jewry.

In the Wadi Ara region of Israel, a model

for maintaining public safety during these days of heightened tension has been established by veteran co-existence activist and Interns for Peace Board Member, Mahmud Yunis. A joint Jewish-Arab Peace Patrol presently polices this major artery to the Galilee. In Israel proper, the Israel Defense Forces should never be deployed to control demonstrations of Jews or Arabs. Only the local authorities are democratically empowered and thereby able to foster full cooperation of the citizenry in assuring public order and in isolating the criminal acts of extremists.

The fact that the uprising occurred does not measure the effectiveness of the groups seeking Jewish-Arab co-existence. None of them ever operated on the West Bank and Gaza as all of them were founded on the principle that true cooperation can only be based between two peoples who are equal.

In fact, during the first 100 days of the uprising, there has been no measurable decrease of Israeli Arab participation. Israeli Arabs continue to be steadfast supporters of programs fostering better majority-minority relations. On the other hand, Israeli Jewish involvement has dramatically decreased in some cases by over 50%.

This outright rejection by the Jewish majority and forthright acceptance by the Arab minority for co-existence follows the

normative pattern of majority-minority relations. Namely, in every nation-state the minority is always more desirous for positive interaction than is the majority. Yet, Israel's Jewish majority and Arab minority are unique among the nation-states.

Comprising 82% of all Israeli citizens, Israeli Jews have been a majority for only 40 years and a minority for over 2,000 years with deep and fresh psychological wounds of the European Holocaust and persecution in North Africa or Yemen. In political terms, the Jewish majority of Israeli is a besieged and threatened minority in the Middle East. Israeli Arabs walk the tight-rope of being Israeli citizens who want to remain with full rights in the State of Israel and of being members of the Palestinian people who want to identify with their relatives on the West Bank and Gaza. Hence, Israeli Jews feel, think and act as if they are the minority and as if Israeli Arabs and their Palestinian relatives are the majority.

The confrontation between Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs takes new and more violent turns everyday. The ongoing conflagration on the West Bank and Gaza is spilling across Israel's pre-'67 borders. As each new incident is announced, Israeli Jews understandably — albeit unjustifiably — become more reinforced in their fear and hatred of all Arabs — whether or not they are citizens.

Take for example, Interns for Peace's Education for Democracy Project, which receives full endorsement of Israel's Ministry of Education and is conducted during school hours. Last year alone, this program brought together over 7,000 Israeli Jewish and Israeli Arab pupils in monthly action-oriented activities of sports, arts, culture, touring historic sites and home visits in each others' communities.

When in mid-January of this year, a kibbutz school bus was pelted with a molo-

tov cocktail in Wadi Ara, the Jewish parents of Kfar Saba became wary of sending their children to an interaction in the neighboring Arab city of Tira. On the day of the monthly interaction, only 20 of the usual 40 Jewish pupils got off the Kfar Saba bus when it arrived in Tira. Disappointed, many of the Arab children began to cry when they saw that their "partner" had not come to visit them. Natan Kedem, principal of Kfar Saba's Sharon School, and Muhammed Qashua, principal of Tira's Al Omariyah School, were also upset. Kedem called each of the parents who had held their children back. "You should allow your child to go," he urged. "Do not teach them ghetto fear. We are at home in this State." At the next interaction, 34 out of 40 pupils from Kfar Saba came to visit their Arab "partners" in Tira.

Natan Kedem, Muhammed Qashua and a few other brave Jewish and Arab educators are continuing in their uphill struggle amidst a battleground where hatred/fear is rampant and violence is becoming the norm. They and we have no alternative. Jews and Arabs are either going to learn how to cooperate and co-exist together or die together.

The uprising demonstrates that major changes in human history are often initiated by the people — especially the youth — and the leaders safely follow from behind. If there is to be a reconciliation of these two peoples, we have to start with Israel's "Shabab" — the youth, Jewish and Arab, by changing their perceptions of each other. This is a difficult and time-consuming process. Yet, there are no easy answers or quick solutions to resolving human conflicts.

It is inconceivable that Israel will ever achieve peace with its Palestinian and Arab neighbors without first addressing Jewish-

Arab relations among its own citizenry. Only by learning how to relate to their fellow Israeli Arab citizens will the Israeli Jewish majority be able to bridge the ever widening gap between them and the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza as well as the Arab world. The uprising underscores that Jewish-Arab relations must become the top priority of the State of Israel and the Jewish people world wide.

Interns for Peace, our graduate interns, and several other action-oriented programs of Jewish-Arab relations have developed a successful blueprint for fostering mutual understanding and respect by catalyzing community to community projects which meet the self-interests of both peoples. Collectively, we can still do something about turning the tide for the youth — Jewish and Arab — who are the hope and ground of the future as theirs is the tragedy of the present.

The future of Israel and peace in the Middle East depends upon you and me. As David Shipler writes in his Pulitzer Prize book, *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in the Promised Land* "Whatever happens in war or diplomacy, whatever territory is won or lost, whatever accommodations or compromises are finally made, the future guarantees that Arabs and Jews will remain close neighbors in this weary land, entangled in each other's fears. They will not escape from one another. They will not find peace in treaties, or in victories. They will find it, if at all, by looking into each other's eyes."

Rabbi Bruce Cohen left a Reform pulpit in New Haven, Ct., to launch Interns for Peace some 15 years ago. Against all odds, he has successfully brought together Israeli Arabs and Jews in numerous activities aimed at destroying the false images that prevent better understanding and cooperation.

Chacham and pikayach

By RABBI SAM SILVER

There are two Hebrew terms, often used in Yiddish, to denote a person of sagacity: pikayach (literally perspicacious), and chacham



(wise). What's the difference between them? A pikayach has the ability to extricate himself from a difficulty. But a chacham would be able to avoid the difficulty in the first place.

In a Forward editorial, Mordecai Strigler writes that Shamir may be enough of a pikayach to find some way out of Israel's current dilemma, which is often described in that Yiddish statement: you can't swallow it and you can't spit out. But Peres could have kept Israel out of the quandary if only he had retained the prime ministry.

Strigler reminds readers that Israel's prestige fell with the Lebanese adventure, but rose again when Peres was at the helm. He is a chacham; he hopes that Shamir will at least turn out to be a pikayach.

Mexico City Jews

The Ashkenazim of Mexico City have a kehilla, like a Jewish Community Council cum synagogues. The kehilla has a religious department headed up by two rabbis. Abraham-Isaac Bartfeld and David Tabachnik. Called Nidchei Israel (The Dispersed of Israel), the kehilla has a board of trustees that has been headed by Shimshon Feldman for many years. The kehilla has de-

partments of religion, community affairs, Zionism, youth and music, and its members are adherents of the various parties in Israel, Aguda, Mizrahi, etc.

For many years the kehilla had no elections. Recently, in a wave of reformism, the board decided upon elections. Over 1,250 members cast ballots, to the delight of the trustees. Feldman was re-elected and some new faces are now on the board, including young people. The kehilla publishes a periodical, which is edited by Chaim Lazdaysky, who covered Mexico for the Algerian Journal, then moved to Israel and has apparently returned to Mexico.

In another dispatching, Lazdaysky tells us that Mexico has brought to herself Prof. Michal Bruno for consultations on ways to reduce its enormous inflation. Bruno, an Israeli, is regarded as one of those who brought inflation down in Israel. Lazdaysky also rejoiced to notify his readers that in Geneva a UNESCO session dealt with the Mideast and the Mexican delegation refused to join in a vote against Israel.

Raizel Kartchak

A genuine heroine recently died in Israel. Raizel Kartchak escaped from Vilna when the Nazis came, fought in the underground, managed to reach Israel, where she became a popular speaker in Israel, always in Yiddish. She was a favorite of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who took her to the U.S. where she enthralled audiences with accounts of the heroism of European Jewry. She was an associate of Abba Kovner, who died not so long ago. Both Kartchak and Kovner were exemplars of the idealism of the Israeli kibbutz movement. (A. Roheh, in the Forward)

Atlanta vandals are skinheads

ATLANTA — The vandals who had spray painted the Yeshiva High School, were skinheads and one, 17-year-old Charles Huggins has been arrested while his companion is expected also to be charged. Three quarters of

the school was spray-painted with swastikas and racial slurs.

The apprehension of the two teenagers is earning someone the \$1000 reward that had been offered by the Anti-Defamation League.

The Presidential candidates demean us

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

The silly season is fast upon us. The quadrennial madness when the Jewish community starts playing footsie with the presidential



candidates. And they start playing footsie with us.

All of a sudden, there is Jesse Jackson wearing a cute little yarmulke.

And George Bush pointing out his long standing love for Israel.

And Pat Robertson making it clear that Israel is the biblically Promised Land.

And George Dukakis letting it be known that his wife is Jewish.

And Al Gore pulling out all the stops before the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations condemning the sale of Chinese-made missiles to Saudi Arabia, Shultz's meeting with two members of the Palestine National Council, Jackson's stand for an independent Palestinian state, and ending up with his warm support of

Shamir's position against any international conference, while the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations serenade him with a rousing "Happy Birthday To You."

Now do you know what I mean?

Candidates, even this year's crop, are not total idiots. They know how to play the game. Every four years they make believe that they believe that we are important. And every four years we puff ourselves up and swallow it hook, line and sinker.

It is worse than silly. It is demeaning. Why is it that when they speak to a group of Jews they forget that we are also Americans? Why, when they speak to us, must it always and solely be in reference to Israel (they favor it), or anti-Semitism (they oppose it)?

Why can't they also, somewhere, somehow, speak to us of the problems that we as Americans also face — civil rights, housing, unemployment, foreign affairs, corruption in government, taxes.

Such matters are never mentioned. What we hear is what they think we are all about. Narrow, parochial, single issue kind of people. So they orate their eternal love for Israel, and their overwhelming respect for Jews

and Judaism.

And we eat it up!

When are we going to figure it out? We are not using them. They are using us.

I want candidates to speak to a Jewish group, if they feel the need to speak to a Jewish group, as if we were Americans. I want them to speak about the dream of a just society, with a single law for the rich and for the poor, of the basic human right for a decent place to live, and a decent wage to earn. I want them to speak of a nation that stands for both justice and compassion, whose dealings with foreign lands is both honorable and worthy.

I want them to speak to us of peace.

And if they feel the need to mention Judaism, let them. Because Judaism is all of the above. It is all there — in our Bible and in our faith. Let them make mention of that!

I am tired of candidates who think they know how to play the game, because it is not a game. If they are going to address us as Jews, let the candidates know something about this faith of ours, and then address us in ways that are worthy.

Worthy of them, and worthy of us.

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FLASHBACKS IN JEWISH HISTORY

Founders of Rehovot persevere

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

1890—Rehovot, Israel, home of the Weizmann Institute and the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University, was founded on 2700 acres of land in the coastal plain, 14 miles south of Jaffa.

Rehovot, the first privately owned settlement independent of Rothschild's aid and control, was established by a Warsaw Zionist society, Menuchah veNachlah. The land was owned by Anton Rok, a wealthy Jaffa Christian Arab, who used to lease small plots to Bedouins. The total

rentals paid by the Bedouins hardly covered Anton's maintenance expenses. This made him receptive to the bid of the Zionist society. However, there were serious obstacles to be surmounted before the sale could be consummated.

The Turkish administration permitted the construction of stables but not dwellings. Furthermore, the 50 members of the society were Russian citizens and no Palestinian land was ever registered in the name of Russian citizens. Additionally, the

Bedouins opposed the sale and threatened reprisals. Above all, Anton demanded an exorbitant price and the society was short of funds. There was no time for bargaining because a German missionary and a wealthy Greek offered to pay the seller's price.

It took the combined effort of many influential Jews and the persistent fanaticism of the society to bring the deal to its successful conclusion. On August 7, 1890, the deeds

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Amidst turmoil, a happy occasion

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

A tremendous lift in morale, offsetting daily reporting of violence in the Jerusalem area and elsewhere in Israel, was provided



ed by a unique event held at the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem. The special occasion was the beautiful and most impressive ceremony of the "Twinning" of the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem with the Great Synagogue of Paris, France.

Structurally, it was an association of the old and the new. The 150-year-old Great Synagogue of Paris is a grand, staid building with both its external and internal decor and furnishings reflecting stately European grandeur, while its younger sister synagogue in Jerusalem, but 15 years of age, beams with the very latest in synagogue structure, modern lines, long but trim chandeliers, marble "bimot," imaginative Biblical decor and an almost "futuristic" Aron Kodesh (Ark). For this occasion, huge screens were set up on both sides of the Synagogue and simultaneous broadcasts and TV projections via satellite enabled audiences in Jerusalem and in Paris to view and hear the proceedings in both synagogues. Announcements were made both in Hebrew and French. Broadcasts were carried live to other European countries. The ceremony in France was an official Government event under the personal sponsorship of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

As is customary with State ceremonies, great pomp and circumstance was the order of the day. In Jerusalem, a 100-voice chorus backed up by a philharmonic ensemble, directed majestically by Eli Jafe, chanted appropriate Psalms and melodies. Similarly in Paris, choral and orchestral accompaniment en-

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both cities as well. He acknowledged with sincere gratitude the close ties between our two countries, our mutual friendship and French help to the fledgling State of Israel in the earlier years. He noted that France was the first country to grant full freedom to its Jews. He concluded, "We have no hate. Let us pray together for peace with Arabs and all people in accordance with the prophecy of Isaiah."

Mayor Kollek noted that Jerusalem is truly the world center of Judaism. He hailed the twinning of the synagogues and advised, "We should strive to make this important

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Peres delivered an inspired message hailing the twinning of the synagogues. He proposed the twinning of

connection more meaningful by welcoming mutual visits by many people in both cities." He recalled his

Moshe Dayan's family

Like Dallas in its day, the TV serial *Dynasty* is one of Israel's most popular programs. Yet many other Israelis find that the local version of family conflicts is no less exciting than anything on TV. The reference is to the ongoing feud among members of the family of the late Moshe Dayan.

It has been going on almost since his death. His daughter, Yael, wrote a book which most embarrassingly exposed what half the country knew anyhow about her father's extra-marital romances. His son, Assaf, has had a stormy career, and his former wife recently penned a torrid series revealing their troubled life together.

The country was appalled when Moshe's widow, Rachel, sold the general's magnificent antiques collection, which he had bequeathed to her, to the Israel Museum for a million dollars. The children were unhappy at the will, and it was reported that Rachel paid Assaf \$40,000 to buy him off.

More recently, Yael and Assaf have been trading blows in the press.

In the popular newspaper, *Maariv*, Yael called her brother a parasite who milked his mother for funds, a hopelessly incurable mental case, and a drug addict, only temporarily cured. "He has a problem and is not yet mature enough to admit it. We do our best to help him," she wrote.

Assaf lost no time in replying in the competitive paper, *Yediot Ahronot*. He admits he has been under treatment for the past year and a half, and has been hospitalized twice, trying to kick the habit.

"I admit I have a problem, but my sister has problems too." One is her father, and the other is her husband, Dov Sion. Assaf quotes Yael: "I am built to work privately and alone — and suddenly there's a guy running around the house."

Says Assaf sarcastically: "Well, now, how do you like that — for him to change from her husband to some guy, and with that identification to be running around the house."

But his major barbs Assaf reserves for his sister's announcement that she plans to run for the Knesset. "Because I can't stand her, I'm interested in preventing her from running the country, and not having to pay parking tickets. She's running with two assets — a manner of speech and the features of her father. This is important in a country where some people get to the Knesset without looking like anyone." As for her books, he says, she writes in the style of a parking ticket.

He says she has pretensions of following in her father's footsteps, when as a matter of fact, in his later years, Moshe Dayan detested her and her fawning on him. "In one matter our father was honest. He hated all of us equally."

What does *Dynasty* have that Israelis can't get from the Dayan family? — C.A.

hosting the Prime Minister of France, the Mayor of Paris, the Chief Rabbis of France and many French dignitaries. "This connection emphasizes the unity of Jerusalem with freedom for all and an open welcome to all comers," declared the Mayor.

The warm message of French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac was read by the President of the Great Synagogue of Paris, Bernard Montue, who then added his own best wishes and great pleasure at this joyous occasion. The distinguished philanthropist, President of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, Maurice Wohl, expressed the sentiments of his Jerusalem constituents from the podium of the Great Synagogue of Paris — in French. Former Chief Rabbis of France Ka-

plan and Shirak recited many prayers for the welfare of both nations, concluding with "May the Almighty grant strength and courage to His people. The Almighty shall bless His people with peace."

In Jerusalem, Cantor Naf-tali Hershtik, assisted by his young son with the bell-tone thrilling voice, sang the Psalm, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its might!" as tears filled the eyes of all in attendance. From Paris came the timely response with the reading by a young student the touching words of Medieval poet Yehudah Halevi, "My heart is in the East..." in French. Paris Chief Rabbi Abraham Goldman followed

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

JEWIS BY CHOICE

Movies — nudity now and then

By SAMANTHA LINDBLAD

Judging from what TV watching we got to do while in Utah in December we haven't missed much in the 12 years we've been without television.



I did like the show "Magnum, P.I." Though frankly, I can't see what all the fuss is over its star, Tom Selleck. After all, what's such a big deal about being six-foot-four, hairy-chested, and built like a Greek god? I know I wouldn't want to be.

But at least on regular television there is no nudity or excessive swearing, which is more than I can say for the majority of movies shown in theaters and on the movie channel.

A few years ago the movie channel finally became available in Big Bear. My mother hadn't been to a movie since the premiere of "Gone With the Wind," so, interested in her reaction to today's movies, I went to see her.

"I couldn't believe it the first time one of them let go with a string of swear words," she said. "And not just men. One woman sounded like a construction worker who'd just smashed his thumb with a hammer." Then her eyes grew wide. "And did you know they actually have naked people in them?"

"Yes, they claim it's necessary to make the scene more 'meaningful'."

"Bullfeathers!" she replied disgustedly. "What's meaningful about a bunch of people running around in their birthday suits."

She said the first time a nude scene came on she bolted out of her chair and with lightning speed switched off the set. My father, startled by the sudden commotion and blank screen, yelled "What happened!"

"Did you see that?" she asked him.

"No," he replied, bewil-

dered.

"Good." Then opening the TV Guide, "There's an interesting documentary on Channel 2, why don't we watch that?"

But, much to her annoyance, he wasn't interested in "The Romance of Root Canal Work" and insisted on watching the movie instead.

When I asked what it was, she said, 10, with Bo somebody."

"Actually, that was pretty mild compared to some," I said.

"Mild?" she exclaimed. "Your father hasn't been that alert in years."

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They claim the movies of our day didn't prepare us for the realities of life. I ask you, what kind of reality is it to promote the idea that all women either sleep nude or in flimsy little see-thru nighties? In our 65-year-old home, especially in winter, if I were to do either someone would have to chip me out of bed in the morning.

That all women get up in the morning looking as though they just stepped out of a beauty parlor. When I get up in the morning, well, try to picture Floyd Patterson after a 10-round bout and you got it.

I grew up with June Al-

lyson and Jimmy Stewart, Janet Leigh and Tony Curtis, William Powell and Myrna Loy. None of them ever had to run around naked, swearing, and coming at one another with meat cleavers for us to know that marriage wasn't all hand-holding and kissing.

We didn't have to see Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher jump into bed naked to know that their "Bundle of Joy" didn't come from playing leap-frog.

Judy Garland didn't have to skip down the yellow brick road in her birthday-suit for us to know that "The Wizard of Oz" was a fantasy movie.

And we didn't have to see Bill Holden and Kim Novak naked beside that waterfall in "Picnic" to know that they weren't checking out the picnic basket for left-over fried chicken.

You can seldom watch a movie today without having to endure at least one scene with a naked woman. And I, personally, am getting tired of having to walk out of a movie theater looking as though I just spent two hours under a sun-lamp and trying to convince my husband that the leading lady should be an object of pity, not awe.

Larry Brown of the Maccabiah

LAWRENCE, Kan. — If Coach Larry Brown considered his playing in the 1961 Maccabiah as one of the highlights of his career, most certainly that has been surpassed by the victory of his Kansas Jayhawks in the NCAA. He has since rejected an offer to coach in Los Angeles, deciding to stay where

he is loved.

His own career began at the University of North Carolina after playing with the Long Beach High School on Long Island. Then there were two seasons with the Akron Goodyears, and in 1964 he was point guard on the U.S. team which won the gold at the Tokyo Olympics.

A dream six years in the making was fulfilled March 30 at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue when a spotlight fell on a baby grand piano and a tall charismatic Vladimir Feltsman, who has already electrified the American musical scene with his virtuosity, took his seat to the thunderous applause of a capacity audience. It was a benefit concert "to repay the National Conference of Soviet Jewry and Coalition to Free Soviet Jews," he was to later tell an intimate group at a reception. Among the proudest persons in that audience certainly were two noted personalities: angel of the theater Helen Hayes and TV sensation Tony Randall, both of whom were part of the event six years ago. And, too, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia Arthur Hartman.

In June of 1982 the Conference had advertised a "Free Feltsman Benefit Concert" at New York's Lincoln Center. "The show will go on," read the leaflets. And more than 50 artists participated, from Misha Dichter to Itzhak Pearlman to Tony Randall. Helen Hayes stood by a baby grand piano and its empty seat as the spotlight zeroed in on the scene and as the audience heard the music of Feltsman in absentia. Ms. Hayes had encouraged the audience that night to press for his release in cooperation with the National Conference and other Soviet Jewry groups.

Thus, six years later, the still regal Queen in her mid-80s "reaped joy," she told guests clustered around her and Randall and Ambassador Hartman later as they all posed for photographs with Conference chairman Morris Abram, in the lower level of Rabbi Balfour Brickner's synagogue where the reception was held. Brickner was warmly weaving through the guests in welcome.

Another Russian emigre star on the program was Alexandre Brussilovsky, a noted violinist who now lives in Paris, and had performed in the leading concert halls of the Soviet Union and Western Europe. The program for both artists consisted of: Bach, Mozart and Franck compositions.

Abram, in one of the formal addresses, told the guests: "Glasnost has not brought an end to the uncertain plight of Soviet Jews who remain engaged in a struggle for freedom and dignity.

There is still anti-Semitism in the USSR, he contended. "Glasnost, while working in other diplomatic areas, is not in operation for the Jews of Russia. Abram then spelled it out in numbers: "Only 8,155 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1987, compared to 51,320 who came to our shores in 1979."

Later, in response to my query "Do you feel the ABA (American Bar Association) should have approved the SLA (Soviet Law Association) which it had endorsed two-and-a-half years ago, he replied, "No."

A brief greeting at the concert was given by noted refusenik Alexander Slepak, who appeared dapper and vigorous sporting a six-inch deep white beard that went with his snow white hair. His face, though, seemed much too young for the white ice look.

Feltsman, talkative, told a small group sipping champagne, that his fee behind the Iron Curtain was under \$100 and he estimated that his first year U.S. earnings will exceed \$500,000. Full of admiration was Amb. Hartman, who was one of the key figures in the pianist's release from his "motherland" after months of complex diplomatic maneuvering.

Feltsman's father was a popular Soviet composer who wrote many songs, according to numerous press clippings.

President and Nancy Reagan, of course, gave him the royal welcome to our shores days after he arrived last year. He was the guest artist invited to perform at a White House social setting which was news, musical and otherwise, across the media world.

In an interview that appeared in Stagebill Magazine, Feltsman spoke of his new brush with wealth and his Judaism. "If I ever do have a lot of money, I wouldn't want a Rolls Royce, or to have gold. I would want a good house for

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When do we as Jews learn?

By ARLENE G. PECK

I can't help it. Like a moth to a flame, I keep coming back to the topic of Israel. More and more my disgust with some of my fellow Jews becomes so



great that I wonder if it's me who's out of sync. Is it wrong to feel a blind loyalty to a country and believe, right or wrong, I should support it? Is everyone who is speaking out so vocally against our brothers in Israel so ready to forget that above all, even above placating the biased press, Israel must first assure it's survival. Israel must not be pressured into suicide. The simple fact is that if you don't remember the past, then you are doomed to repeat it.

Has everyone forgotten that Israel has already given up 91 percent of the land which it won in a war that was aggressed against it! G-d help us, as Jews, had the State of Israel not won the war in 1967. Or, for that matter, any of the five which were forced upon our brothers in Israel. Also, given up for only the promise of peace with Egypt were the best fighter bases and the only oil that Israel had in the Sinai Peninsula. And what about the thriving city of Yamit?

Promises? What do they mean? The United States made a promise to Israel to never meet with the PLO. Yet, did not Secretary of State George Shultz recently meet with two PLO representatives?

Has everyone also forgotten exactly what the West Bank is and who its residents are? This unallocated portion of the Palestine Mandate is the same land that in the early 1950s Jordan tried to annex. Yet, then when it was under Jordanian rule, not one Arab nation would recognize this annexation. Nor, for some reason does the world at large want to accept the fact that Jordan is Palestine. In every acceptable way, ethnically,

geographically, and historically. However, thousands upon thousands of these Palestinians cross the Allenby Bridge from Jordan into Israel each day to work for Israeli employers. They do so because of the freedom allowed by Israel, because the bridge only goes one way. And, these Palestinians work in Israel for wages that are far in excess of those of their Arab brothers.

Granted, it is a problem. A problem of great magnitude. But it is worsened by that wimp, Jordan's King Hussein, because he has not nor will he exercise his leadership and deal directly with Israel. What

Should Israel return to the 1967 borders to mollify the biased press, which doesn't realize that to do so would jeopardize the security? Who can forget how, before the 1967 war which was waged against Israel, the children of Israel slept in bomb shelters because their Arab neighbors were using the Israel Kibbutzim for target practice? Then there wasn't a question of land that they needed. No, the plain and simple fact was that then, as now, they just want to push Israel into the sea. Land? What land? The entire country is as big as a pimple.

I have long questioned the

a third of our people could have been saved.

I am also a journalist and a firm believer in the freedom of the press. But, sadly, as a

Pulpit changes

Temple Israel, Birmingham, Mich., has elected Rabbi Daniel Polish to fill its pulpit...Named assistant at Temple Beth Shalom, Hadden Heights, N.J. is Rabbi Alfred Benjamin...Bnai Israel Congregation Rockville, Md. has elected Rabbi Ammos Chorny as assistant rabbi...Rabbi Claudio Kaiser is now serving Temple Beth Zion-Sinai, Lakewood, Ca...The South Huntington Jewish Center, Melville, N.Y. has named Rabbi Earl Kideckel as to fill its pulpit...Rabbi Robert Marcus is the spiritual leader of the Farmingdale Jewish Center, Farmingdale, N.Y.

Quotation of the week

The Talmud contains many references to the thermaphrodite ("androgynos"), one having the organs of both sexes, and the agenosomus ("tumtum"), one having the organs of neither sex. Discussions about these persons are of an academic nature, whether they are to be considered in law as men or women or as a third sex. Yet these cases do not cover the subject of "change of sex." There is a Talmudic story about a man whose wife died, leaving him with an infant that needed to be nursed. Miraculously, his breasts became a woman's. Still, the man in the story remained a man. In another Talmudic narrative, it was related that the sex of an embryo could be changed. This occurred in the case of the matriarch Leah, who, out of

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We, as Jews, have only one refuge that historically, geographically and technically belongs to us. Only one. I firmly believe that without Israel the horrors that we as Jews have historically encountered could happen again in a heartbeat. I'm an American, but my heart is in Israel. Had there been a State of Israel during the Holocaust, a third of our people could have been saved.

has been needed for years was for Jordan to act independently of Syria and the PLO, but it hasn't.

The stupidity of our country in intersecting the Soviets into the Middle East process will only accomplish Russia's aim of carving out a Palestinian state to be another Cuba. Then, conceivably, from a vital base such as that they could control the area. Then probably they would whittle away at Israel so they could have domination of the Middle East.

Each night I listen to news reports and, even worse, hear Jewish leaders blithely speak out that Israel should sit down and work out a solution. But with whom? The PLO, who has never even accepted the legality of Israel and its right to exist? The PLO, who continue in their unconscionable acts of terrorism? Who are the Palestinians' leaders? The rock throwers?

loyalty of Israel's 750,000 Arab citizens. There is an alliance between them and the Palestinians in the territories. But Israel, as so many don't wish to accept, is a Jewish State and much of the world has forgotten that fact. Our partnership should be with our fellow Jews in the country that belongs to us. The only country. If the Arabs who are living there are unhappy with their treatment, then they should go to any of the 22 surrounding Arab nations and see how they would be treated by their own.

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compassion for her sister who had no sons, prayed to God that the child she was carrying would be a girl. God changed the male embryo, and Dinah was born.

All these miraculous narratives notwithstanding, the ancient rabbis did not entertain the possibility of actual sex change in adults. Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, one of the greatest scholars of the Reform Movement in Judaism in our time, has written a responsum on this topic. He permits an operation for the agenosomus (the "tum-tum"), but not for the hermaphrodite.

He concludes: "If the patients are normal male or female and merely want a change of sex, there seems to be no way in which Jewish tradition can permit it. It is not permitted to sterilize the male, which the operation would do; and as for male and female, it is forbidden to put them into unnecessary danger. As far as the 'tumtum' is concerned, if there is a relatively simple operation to restore them to perfect male or female status which is already inherent in them, then it is permitted. As for the bisexual person, the androgyne, who is otherwise in good physical condition, it is hard to see how, in the spirit of Jewish legal tradition, such a serious operation could be permitted."—From the Bulletin of Temple Emanu-El, Manhattan.

Herman

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resolutions or stirring debates. The cause of Reform Judaism neither retreated nor advanced but it was enhanced. This body of elders of the movement warmed and inspired each other, reaffirmed their love for Judaism, their loyalty to the spirit of Reform and their friendship and affection for one another.

I climbed back into a Delta

jet, we rose in sunshine, flew through brilliant blue sky and landed on the clear, dry tarmac in San Diego. Once more, the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis proved that joining the ranks of the "mature" has much to recommend it. And next year, God willing, we shall meet again in the West. May our numbers increase!

Editor's chair

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in America).

Ben is the former editor and publisher of the daily paper in Vineland, N.J., which is why we have a common interest.

His activity in Jewish life soon saw him as a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. He is probably the only Jew in history that gave up a post that high up in American Jewish life for the silly reason that he had made all the contribution that he could to UJA work and wished to see others reach the top rungs.

So what did he do — go out to pasture? Not if you know him. He took on the almost impossible task of CLAL, the dream of Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg of bringing together all wings of Judaism in order to

forestall what he saw as an irrevocable schism in Judaism by the year 2000. Now CLAL is building a retreat center for several million dollars not too far from New York City and is already a big success.

So Ben is out for new goals to conquer. And suspicious as we are — our newspaper training — we can assume that Ben wants to dominate the American Jewish community, which is o.k. with us, since he would be our candidate anyway. Now the question is what task will Ben take on after his few years at the head of HIAS? We have one for him — developing aliyah to Israel, which we have always said that the one responsible for an aliyah of 15,000 American Jews a year can take any position in Israel — not excepting that of Prime Minister.

When picide is the alternative

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someone pose a question to Israeli engineers — can they design a conduit capable of carrying blood from Dan in the north to Beersheva 200 miles to the south — not one engineer will head for his drawing board, not one engineer will reach for his slide rule!

Ted Koppel saw nothing morally unacceptable about his question. Not one of his guests protested. Take out your notebooks, fellows! Boot up your computers! Picide has become a viable alternative. Picide is a legitimate choice.

Is there a gap between picide and genocide? In 1985, Tzvi Shiloach, a leading Israeli publicist, commented that the 10th anniversary of the UN Resolution — Zionism is Racism (1975) — most appropriately fell on the 15th anniversary of the Nuremberg Laws (1935). "Between the call of Poles in 1939, 'Zeid go to Palestine!' and the call of anti-Zionists in 1975, 'Zeid, get out of Palestine!' there is but one possibility — a second Shoah.

Well, it's time armchair philosophers got things straight. The body politic does not ask itself, like some later-day Hamlet, "To be or not to be?", and then quietly go off and hang itself. Not a quantitative question of vitality, there is a qualitative difference between suicide

and picide. All societies make choices. Whether to survive is not a choice — it is *a priori* to all other questions — even for Israel, gentlemen.

Perhaps the time has come to give journalists a prerequisite course in moral philosophy, not just engineers.

Bloch

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were executed and given to the buyers.

The first arrivals who settled in the "stables," which were to be gradually converted into homes, were in an ecstatic trance. At long last the eternal wanderer came back to his home. Every newcomer was greeted with joy, dancing and music. Celebration followed celebration. The high-pitched ardor, however, was soon cooled by harsh reality. The lack of roads plant diseases which ruined their first crops of almonds and grapes, Bedouin pillage and robbery and Turkish obstructionism combined to discourage the spirited pioneers. Despite it all, they prayed for the future and never lost hope.

The realization that they were not the first returnees to the land of the Bible to be confronted by such hardship bolstered their determination. The psalm, which recorded the state of mind of the Jews who returned from the Babylonian diaspora, 2428 years earlier, mirrored their own experiences.

"When the Lord brought back those who returned to Zion we were like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongues with song."

Reality soon evaporated their dreams but they found hope in prayer. "Return again our captivity, O, eternal, like the springs in the south. They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy..."

Krupnick

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with the fitting reply, "This is the day designed by the Almighty. Let us rejoice and be happy thereon."

One of the most dramatic interludes that we have ever witnessed followed when newly-arrived Soviet dissidents Yosef Begun and Zev Slepak lit the six large candles in memory of the sacred Six Million victims of the Holocaust. The Cantor of the Great Synagogue of Paris and his chorus, with great emotion, chanted, "Avinu Malkeinu (Our Father, Our King), forgive us for the sake of those who were slain for the sanctification of Thy name... and for those who suffered by fire and water for Thy sake." Cantor Hershtik,

choir and ensemble joined in a most heart-rending chant "El malei rahamim" (Hazkara) to th unashamed sobs of those in both congregations.

In accordance with good Jewish tradition that all endings should be on an happy note, the cantor, chorus and ensemble thundered out the grand Lebandowsky "Haleluyah" that had the rafters ringing. The entire ceremony, impressive and dramatic as it was, lasted for but an hour and a quarter, but it was one that we and all others in attendance both in Jerusalem and in Paris will never forget.

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Social calendar

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my family, my own studio, maybe, and to have my books around me. That is more than enough for a human being. I have a sense of destiny. I live as a Jew. I will die as a Jew. The most important temple for me is a concert hall. But I have a sense of duty. I was born to play the piano. And I have reason to thank G-d. Now I can breathe..."

Among the guests: Arnold Foster, ADL law chief; Zel-da Popkin, Hadassah, national queen; Rabbi and Mrs. Wolfe Kelman, Rabbinical Assembly chief; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Squadron, AJCongress past president; Ernest Zelig, B'nai Zion, national king; Sidney and Hadassah Musher, philanthropists.

CONTEST

Do you know who's who?

The mystery person probably holds more national chairmanships and presidencies of national Jewish organizations than anyone else. The Mystery Person is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The winner of the mystery person contest will receive a copy of Natanel Lorch's *Israel's War of Independence, 1947-1949*, with an introduction by Gen. S. L. A. Marshall, and published by Hartmore House. Each week an additional clue to a well-known Jewish personality will be given. Responses must be made by mail. The first entry received wins.

LETTERS

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS — The Jewish Post and Opinion encourages readers to send letters. All letters to the editor should be addressed to the Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, IN 46202. All letters should be typewritten, and may be edited for publication. Unsigned letters will not be considered, but signatures may be withheld upon request.

Warning by rabbi on unruly kids

Dear Editor,

I was sorry to read of the frustration that was expressed by Rabbi Herbert Panitch of Milwaukee in regard to the young boys and girls who come to a synagogue for a bar/bat mitzvah. Unfortunately, I have also occasionally experienced this frustration.

In order to solve this problem, I have sent the attached letter to all parents of my congregation who are celebrating a bar/bat mitzvah during the year. I hope it will be a solution for us and I similarly hope that it will be a solution for other congregations.

"Dear 1988 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your forthcoming simchah. I am looking forward to an extremely happy and spiritual experience for your entire family.

However, as the rabbi who is present every Shabbat in the sanctuary, I would like to make one major suggestion because of my experience at bar and bat mitzvahs. Again, I would like to emphasize that I am making this suggestion in order to maximize your simchah and your joy.

Recently, our ushers have consistently complained to me about large numbers of 13-year-old guests who are invited to bar and bat mitzvahs, but arrive without their parents. They all sit together toward the left rear section of the synagogue and week after week, we have experienced what borders on Pandemonium. Vast numbers of them spend the entire time in the synagogue talking to each other, acting unruly, never picking up a siddur, etc.

Yes, it hurts me to bring this to your attention, but the ushers have informed me that they no longer want to approach that section because they find it impossible to control them. The ushers tell me that often when they ask the children to please observe our rules of decorum they receive answers like, "My parents don't belong to Beth Yeshurun. We belong to

— Therefore, your rules for Beth Yeshurun are not for us." Or some say, "A synagogue was made to be happy and we're being happy." Another one said, "My father is a board member of this congregation." Many ushers have told me that these encounters destroy their Shabbat and their peace of mind."

True, we have instituted a ruling that says that no more than four children who are there without any adult may sit together in the sanctuary but the ushers tell me that the children generally tell them, "We refuse to move."

Hence, in order to help us in the sanctuary and in order to maximize your simchah I would like to once again suggest that when you mail your invitations to your bar/bat mitzvah guests that the invitations be sent to the children and their parents. These invitations should be sent for attendance at the service. The invitations to the receptions at the hotels or your homes should be addressed specifically to the children, if that is your desire. In this way, children will sit with their parents in the sanctuary. Christian children do this with their parents every Sunday in church. Why can't our Jewish children do that when they go to the synagogue? If they see their parents praying, they, too, will open a prayerbook. But if they come by themselves, they will merely talk to each other and "cut it up" as if they are at a sporting event.

Please maximize your simchah by thinking seriously about my suggestion.

Please call me if you have any questions. I hope that you will seriously consider my suggestion. A bar/bat mitzvah should be a bar/bat mitzvah for all and not "free time on the playground" for children.

Hoping to share with you your simchah, I remain sincerely yours — Rabbi Jack Segal
Rabbi Jack Segal
Houston, Tx 77096

Not homosexuals, but unmarrieds

Dear Editor,

When the State of Israel is experiencing a "bad press"

with much of the media, it behooves Jewish publications such as The National Jewish Post & Opinion to be more than "careful" in its editing of the news from that country. I refer to the brief (a mere 10 lines) story with a date line from Jerusalem which appeared on page seven of March 30 under the heading, "Homosexuality now permitted."

The story has nothing whatsoever to do with "homosexuality." It clearly states, "Unmarried consenting adults..."

There is no referenced to "permitted." It states that "Unmarried consenting adults may engage in sex," meaning that should "unmarried consenting adults engage in sex in Israel" such a relationship would not be deemed a criminal offense.

The Knesset makes the laws that govern the citizens and residents of Israel. As citizens of the U.S.A. we may applaud or knock the actions of the Knesset. The Jewish press should do its utmost to accurately report the facts to the American Jewish community.

Myron E. Schoen
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Peace Now, Jewish Agenda meshuga

Dear Editor,

Friends of Peace Now, composed of leftist Jews, as is The New Jewish Agenda, is a highly dangerous movement because it is based on a colossal falsehood, or a big lie, that peace depends on Israel, and that Israel can achieve peace if it wishes. The truth is the Arabs reject and refuse peace under any conditions, excepting the dismantling of Israel.

Those who intentionally ignore or suppress this tragic truth are either friends of the PLO and wish Israel give way to a "secular democratic state," which does not exist in the Moslem world, or they are simply meshuga — insane. There is no other explanation for Jews who cry that Israel should make peace when they and the world know only too well that the 20 or more Arab nations reject peace, which they have done for the last 40 years, and

even before the state of Israel was established.

I challenge the leaders of the group to name one responsible Arab who advocates peace with Israel. What the group should do is to concentrate its efforts on the Arabs and cease spreading confusion and division in American Jewish ranks. The Arabs need a peace movement and desperately so. The Jews here and in Israel certainly do not.

Rabbi Theodore Lewis, D.D.
St. James, N.Y. 11780

Why The P-O loses a reader

Dear Editor,

I tend not to agree with your approach to the solution of Israel's PLO problem. As near as I can make out, it does not reflect the observations of your Israeli columnist, Mr. Samson Krupnick.

The article by Andrea Barron seems to reflect your views by the space and the large print of the article.

Israel has a problem, but we American Jews do not help the solution by such an article as U.S. Peace Now — all it does is give comfort to Israel's enemies.

The Shultz proposal is a joke re the international conference. The members of the conference, i.e., the British, won't discuss the Falkland Islands with Argentina, plus its handling of the situation in Northern Ireland. China's treatment of Tibet certainly doesn't give her clean hands to arbitrate. Russia also doesn't come with clean hands, viz Afghanistan and the Armenian situation along with her repression of other ethnic groups. France, if she should participate, is a joke re her handling of the New Caledonia situation.

So how can Israel expect a fair deal? Prime Minister Shamir is no fool. He knows the result beforehand of such a conference.

Who does Israel have to bargain with? The PLO makes it clear that Israel has no place in the Middle East Arab world and would, if it could, drive Israel into the sea.

Any American Jew who wishes to participate in the present situation should make aliyah to Israel, not

bleat about what the solution is behind the secure borders of the U.S.

So please cancel my subscription.
Col. Irving R. Mollen
Cocoanut Creek, FL 33066

No connection with Kibbutz Raviv

Dear Editor,

As mazkirah of Garin Achva I was outraged to read the article published in your newspaper on Feb. 17 entitled, "Singles expect marriage at two new kibbutzim." The article was filled with misleading information and I would like to set the record straight.

Garin Achva is a garin just in the forming stages with no set destination. We will in no way be starting a new kibbutz or settlement. We have left the decision of where to live up to the individual. Most importantly I would like to make it clear that we are in no way connected with Kibbutz Raviv nor do we condone their "liberal policies." We are strong Torah Jews and consider homosexuality and other such perversions an abomination.

We are aware that you did not have the intention to mislead your readers and would appreciate you, therefore, rectifying the situation.

Diane Solomon

Mazkirat Garin Achva

Editor's note: The news release on which this item was based came from an affiliate of the Jewish Agency. We added the fillip of singles finding a mate, which any number of American parents whose children have married Israelis they met in Israel can testify to, and which on a new kibbutz is indeed a fact of life.

